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Partnerships Build Business on Shop Small Saturday

By Mick Colageo

Black Friday's annual made-for-network-news stampede of crazed big-box shoppers was oddly missing last weekend. America's megastores instead fought for a place on consumers' computer monitors and smartphone screens while trying to take a piece of the Cyber Monday market.

The Tri-Town was a happier place last weekend. Residents and visitors alike enjoyed Shop Small Saturday, where local entrepreneurs greeted customers and talked about teamwork. Bonded and banded together by the challenge that the coronavirus pandemic has posed, small business owners are creating partnerships with charities and with each other.

Jessica Kelly of Belle's Boutique and Isabelle's Gift Shop in Mattapoisett partnered during Shop Small Saturday with Friends of Jack, the 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation created last year by Jilline Fearons, whose son Jack has Chiari Malformation, a rare neurological condition. The foundation focuses on healthcare programs for kids in the SouthCoast.

"We just thought it would be nice to give our customers something back, so it's shopping local and giving back local, keeping it all in the local area," said Kelly. "As much as people don't have time to get out, it's nice to support any local business because people do need to get out of the house."

Asked to bring in a toy donation, customers received 15 percent off their total purchases. "We had a great weekend, it was nice, and it brought the fun back into opening a shop, unlike the stress we had through Mother's Day when we were shut down," said Kelly.

Sharon Monteiro at Always in Bloom partnered with Erin Zell from Brew Fish Bar & Eatery for the open house held on Saturday at the former's Marion shop. While Monteiro was greeting customers interested in flowers and gifts, Zell served sandwiches.

"From time to time, we work together. [Monteiro] also does some flower arrangements for us at the restaurant," said Zell. "It's been a bit of a challenge. We've been fortunate that we had a good summer.... I'm nervous going into the winter. It's sort of day by day, we're not sure what's going to happen."

The plight of the small business owner has been intensified throughout 2020, especially since the coronavirus pandemic resulted in a March shutdown. The reopening has been gradual and unpredictable. Signs of momentum and traction are not to be trusted.

"It's been a very challenging year for many reasons, obviously the shutdown," said Kelly. "Kids are not back in school full time, so [their parents] don't have time to shop locally. They go online. Plus, people are strapped [for cash]."

"I think everybody's kind of in the same boat," said Zell, who owns Brew Fish along with her husband, Todd Zell. "Even when we did reopen from the shutdown, we always planned based on the year before,

On the Cover: *Dressed in her holiday best, an antique doll greeted shoppers at the Mattapoisett Museum's pop-up shop on November 28. A variety of books, maps, and charts noting historical places and events in Mattapoisett were on sale in the barn area of the property. Outside, several vendors participated in the pop-up, buy-local Saturday event that kick-started the holiday season in the village. See story on Shop Small Saturday. Photo by Marilou Newell*

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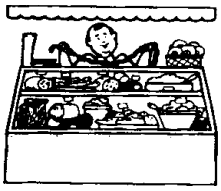

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how much food to order.... That's it, the unknown, that's the challenge.

"The other part that's been challenging for business is we all have staffing that we have to consider," she continued. "'Okay, you can reopen.' We have to call staff back, but we don't know how busy we're going to be. We want to keep people working ... but the stop and start is very difficult."

Monteiro said that 2020 has been a mixed bag. Easter was "great," and Mother's Day was a success.

"I'm not where I should be at all because a lot of weddings have canceled," she said. "A lot of private parties – I do Kittansett a lot, Bay Club – all those things came down to a halt, and I'm like, 'Oh my god, what are we going to do? But can I tell you? It's been pretty steady.

"I've been able to maintain not full staff – I had eight staff members, I'm down to four – so I've done a lot of work. It makes it busier, but it hasn't skipped a beat. I'm able to keep everything going and buy, get through this holiday, pray that [in] January something happens, and then get ready for Valentine's Day."

Kelly is likewise focused as her shops will relocate less than a mile down Route 6 to Windswept Villages after the holiday season.

"My kids are teenagers, but if these places dry up, what are we going to do?" she asked, rattling off the names of a few other local restaurants. "It's important to support those people all the time. I think we all collectively add to the community. I hope we do."

It doesn't hurt small businesses in the Tri-Town that residents have been discouraged from going to places where there are large crowds. They've been discouraged externally by state regulations and municipal advice but also by results. Many are finding empty shelves in their favorite brand-name stores, so as a result, some of them are rediscovering consumer satisfaction in local shops.

"For sure, for sure, I believe so," said Monteiro. "Actually, a few of the customers that came in [Saturday], they were like, 'T.J. Maxx, HomeGoods, nobody has anything.' What happened was everybody took their stuff early."

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"We've put a lot of things in place, online ordering, contact lists, tap to pay, all to make it easier for our customers to order from us. We want to keep compliant and move forward," said Zell. "One of the main challenges has been the bar."

A few weeks ago, Brew Fish added plexiglass divides between patrons at the bar, equipment that had been on backorder for a few months. "That could all change," said Zell, who believes Rhode Island restaurants were on the verge of a shutdown to in-house dining. "I think everything's changing in the next week or so."

Monteiro drew from her experience when she opened in 2009.

"Going back, I have to get creative and bring the business in, and it wasn't always this full, so I'd have local artisans come in, and they would rent a spot. Throughout the store, I'd have six, we'd have the food, I'd have a drawing, I did that for about six, seven years until I built up enough," she said. "I said, 'Wow, this is really

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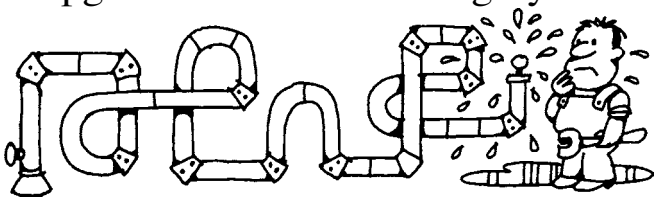
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working out.' I used to do it actually four times a year and have a Ladies' Night. It would be 5 to 7 [pm], and that's when I jumped to the big open house. So, typically, before COVID, this place would be chockablock full. People would come to meet, greet, have a glass of wine, they'd sit on the couch, they knew it would be a great party."

Monteiro would spice the food, wine, and conversation with a drawing for a $200 gift certificate.

Calling herself "a good shopper," Monteiro found two particularly hot items to market over the weekend: a mantle-size Christmas tree made of clear glass that lights up inside with sparkles depicting snow, and a similarly illuminated, lantern-shaped snow globe. She said she had sold out the Christmas trees, brought in 75 more, and by 2:30 pm Saturday, was down to eight.

Successful days are not taken for granted, and partnerships are driving the camaraderie among local shop owners who express gratitude with every smile that enters their doors.

"The town and our customers, everyone's been great," said Zell, who will not be able to partner this year with Marion Police on its "Pizza with Santa" event, one of many events canceled by COVID-19. "I keep telling people I'm thankful that people are still coming out to eat. We have a wonderful customer base."

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Girl Scouts Pitch in to Make Holidays a Happy Place

By Mick Colageo

If you happen upon Brownies, Daisies, or other Girl Scouts in or around the Marion General Store on Saturday, December 5, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, tell them how proud you are. The children who range from ages 5 to 12 maybe tomorrow's leaders, but these leaders have gotten started early.

Girl Scout Troop No. 67041 (Grades K-3) and Troop No. 66129 (Grades 5-6) are ready to tackle their second fundraising event of the 2020-21 Girl Scout season, a food and stocking-stuffer drive to help support

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Saturday at the General Store, the girls will collect non-perishable food items and stocking-size toys. They will also accept toys that won't fit into a Christmas stocking. They will also wear their masks, just as shoppers are expected to do the same.

From November's effort, a winter clothing drive to support GiftsToGive, the troops learned to expect great generosity and plan on a hard day of work.

"[The clothing drive] donated 22 contractor-size bags of items; they were out front of the Taber Library for four hours on a Sunday," said Troop Leader Shannon Zussy, noting the boundless energy shown by the girls on that day and in a recent meeting making Thanksgiving crafts. "They had a great time. They did a

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freeze dance, stood in a circle...They were outdoors with their friends, they had a blast. They weren't stuck in their house."

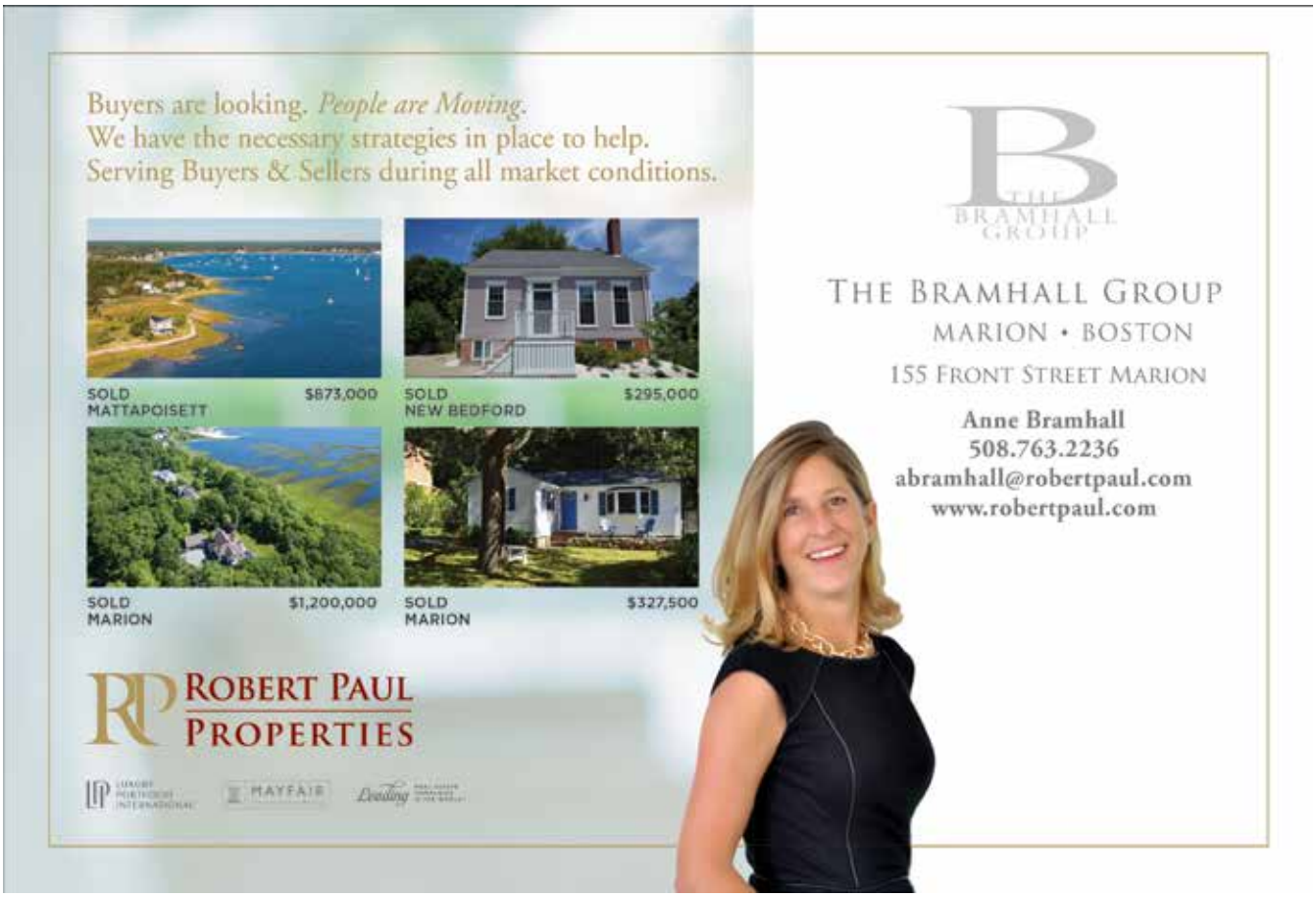
Community service became a logical theme for the local Girl Scouts' 2020-21 season to work on this year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"This is my third year with the younger girls. There are a few of us who are volunteers. Between the two troops, there are four volunteers altogether," said Zussy, who has a daughter in each troop and was a Girl Scout herself, an East Freetown native who chose to attend Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Badges are earned by the scouts according to a progressive level of proficiency and commitment. Last year they earned community badges by learning about their towns through taking walking tours and doing research. The Girl Scouts also learn how to build fires and how to camp.

"It all depends on the activity. Some badges take a week to do," said Zussy, estimating two hours of planning and four hours on the day of each community-service project.

This year, there are 20 girls between the two troops, all from Marion, though girls from other towns have participated before. They attend two meetings per month. Before the COVID-19 shutdowns, the Girl Scouts met for an hour per week at Sippican Elementary School. Now they improvise.



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Approximately a dozen Girl Scouts will work a rotating schedule on Saturday at the General Store. Their work won't stop after the holidays, as a toiletry drive and a book drive are on deck.

"One meeting was just dedicated to what we were going to do [next]," said Zussy. "They're an energetic group of girls."

Distinct in Life, Comparable in Legacy: Four Women Who Impacted Mattapoisett

By Marilou Newell

Mattapoisett Museum is not only a unique and important south coast institution; it is a repository of letters, diaries, journals, deeds, and documents painstakingly curated and made available to anyone doing research or studying local history. Now two women have pulled back the curtain of time to share with us four "Notable Women of Mattapoisett." The full, hour-long presentation hosted by the Mattapoisett Museum is available on YouTube.

The old adage of "It takes one to know one" generally has a negative connotation, but not when talking about Carole Clifford, a retired educator and current School Committee member, and Jennifer McIntire, who holds a Ph.D. in Far Eastern Art History and is a past president of the Historical Society Board of Directors.

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In McIntire's presentation, Stoddard comes through as a strong, rather single-minded woman who believed herself to be "an author," and therefore, shunned housework. Her works caused her to be compared to Balsac and the Bronte sisters. Her novel, *The Morgansons*, sets Stoddard apart from many of her contemporaries in that not only did she write in a less cumbersome linguistic manner, her female lead is not a victim but a victor. The story allows the character to explore the social norms of the time, including sexuality, and she is successful in breaking economic chains. The leading lady gets to keep her family property. The story is centered in a New England seaside town and is believed to be autobiographical.

While Stoddard may have held strong feminist views, she neither subscribed to nor sympathized with the suffrage movement. McIntire said, "Stoddard was ambitious, not a demure Victorian woman, direct and opinionated." One could say Stoddard was an enigma. "Motherhood was central to her life." During a time when women's roles were almost exclusively domestic, Stoddard gave her female characters multi-faceted personalities.

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McIntire also explored the life of Minerva Miller Sparrow, who grew up on Church Street. Sparrow received an education at Mount Holyoke College and other universities and later earned a master's degree in English. In her later years, she was instrumental in developing the Mattapoisett Historical Society and the society's acquisition of the former Baptist Church, which today stands as a beacon, a treasure trove, the Mattapoisett Museum.

Sparrow was asked by the attorney handling the closed Baptist Church to set up a board to govern and oversee the building leading up to the donation of the structure to the society and its eventual use as a museum. She was involved with the society throughout her

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If you're going for a long drive to visit friends or relatives this Thanksgiving, make sure to take a break from driving and get out of your vehicle to stretch. This helps restores normal posture.

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But it was her early years that one could say, through the lens of time, set Sparrow apart. She spent many years as an educator to the under-served, former slaves, and the poor. She began her career teaching in a one-room schoolhouse in Acushnet, then for reasons lost to time, she taught in Jacksonville, Florida. Sparrow then surfaces as a teacher at Rust College (1909-1920), a black institution of higher education, followed by 15 years teaching at Straight College, founded by freed slaves, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The children of Eastern Kentucky and the southern Appalachians also received instruction from Sparrow between 1943 and 1949.

"She was described as the best teacher by her students," McIntire said of Sparrow. "She took great interest in the whole student, setting high standards for them."

Clifford explored the long life and achievements of Huybertie Lansing Pruyn Hamlin. Hamlin's pedigree is that of wealthy Dutch founders and long political connections. She married Charles Hamlin, who summered in Marion. Later, the couple purchased many acres in what is now known as Ned's Point. Mr. Hamlin was the first chairman of the Federal Reserve, bringing his wife into political and social contact with American royalty such as the Roosevelts, FDR included.

Hamlin documented her life and social interactions in letters and diaries by the droves, much of which is now in the museum's care and protection. Clifford said that the Hamlins were lifelong members of the Grange and that Mrs. Hamlin found new and important projects that would benefit the community even today.

In 1904, Hamlin became a founding member of the Mattapoisett Improvement Association, a group of like-minded people, mostly women whose works included rubbish collection, a beach bathhouse, tree plantings, cemetery care, and bringing entertainment to town. The group's garden committee held annual contests for the best vegetables and flowers grown from seed packets distributed to children.

One of Hamlin's more ambitious efforts was raising money to save Shipyard Park. At the time, the property had seen many decades of commercial use, from shipbuilding to various shops of commerce. Today that space commands an unobstructed, spectacular view of the harbor. All who enjoy the seaside park have Hamlin to thank.

Hamlin lived a long and very productive life. Her writings capture bygone moments in time, such as

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the hurricane of 1938 in which she wrote the seas were "an angry mountain range coming towards our home." So close were the Hamlins to the Roosevelts that FDR dispatched the Coast Guard to see if they were safe during the aftermath of the storm.

Hamlin enjoyed having company and was known not only for her civic-minded pursuits but for having fun by way of practical jokes and hosting lavish parties in her seaside home. On the civic side of things, Hamlin was a lifelong Democrat and member of the Democratic Women of New Bedford.

"I wonder, what would she think if she could see Mattapoisett today? I think she would be proud," Clifford said. "She was a strong woman who made a big difference in the town."

One of the more famous women to have come from or been associated with Mattapoisett is Florence Eastman. While her life was brief, she has lived on in the hearts and minds of the community in no small part due to the recognition she received from the American Legion Post.

Eastman clearly had a humble beginning compared to the previously noted trio– her father was the last lighthouse keeper at Ned's Point. Clifford said that Eastman was known for her deep convictions and self-discipline. She wanted to be useful and help others, and so embarked on a career as a nurse. Eastman joined the Red Cross in 1918. When World War I broke out, she was the only woman in Mattapoisett and possibly the surrounding area to volunteer. Soon, she found herself in charge of a military hospital in Long Island, taking care of men who had contracted what was then called the Spanish Flu.

The end of her story is abrupt; Eastman came down with the illness and died. She would be one of 500 million souls who would die from this flu. She was buried with full military honors. Eastman's drive and desire to make a difference live on. Her cheerful and complete devotion to caring for others has earned her a permanent place in Mattapoisett's history; the American Legion Post is named after this brave young soul.

McIntire and Clifford touched on the fact that each of the featured women lived during times when many women were lobbying for the right to vote. However, it is interesting to note that very little, if anything at all, defines where this group stood on the topic, with the exception of Stoddard.

Local Author Pens 'Ghosts of Plymouth Massachusetts'

By Marilou Newell

From a very young age, Mattapoisett's native daughter, Darcy Lee, was fascinated by stories that were mysterious, unsolved, or even ghostly. Rather than being terrified by such tales, Lee was intrigued and wanted nothing more than to delve deeper into such events.

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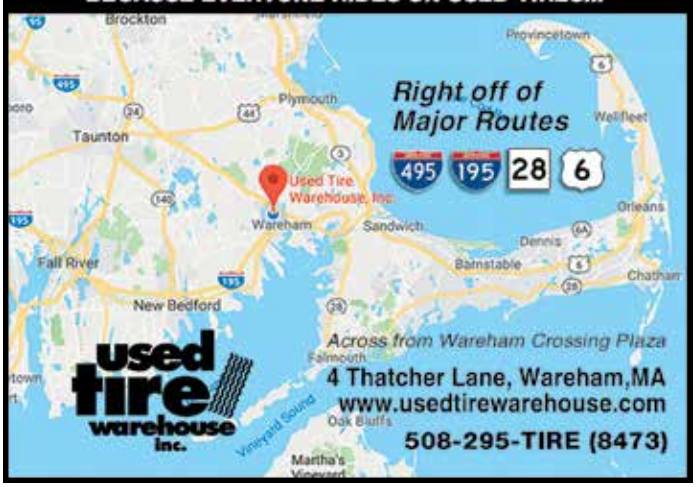

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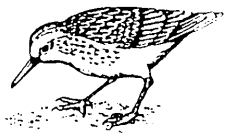

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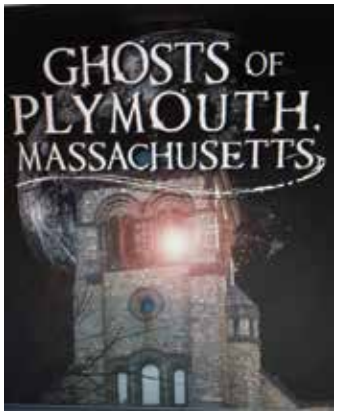
"I was always interested in the paranormal, the unexplained, any sort of story with a hint of mystery," the author explained when *The Wanderer* recently caught up with her.



Lee is, in fact, the author of a book that was first released in 2018 titled, *Ghosts of Plymouth, Massachusetts*. Her research would take some 11 years and included many trips to Plymouth to visit private homes, locations, and businesses where ghosts had been reported.

As Lee explained, her natural inclination toward mysterious events was heightened during the years she lived in Plymouth.

"I went on all the walking tours, visited all the historic sites in what was once a small village," she said.

Lee said the history of Plymouth, as America's hometown, is rich and full of haunting tales. She said of her book that it was important to her to tie the town's history with its many centuries of history to the record of historical people and recorded events.

"My book is part history, part ghost stories, and probably even part tourist guide," she said with a chuckle.

The book has received some critical acclaim, receiving a silver medal upon its release with the Independent Publishing Award in the 2018 Regional E-Book Non-Fiction category. It was a finalist that same year for the Eric Hoffer Book Award and a finalist for the International Book Award in history.

In the foreword, Lee wrote, "Is Plymouth cursed? If you listen to those among us with an intuitive nature, they would suggest that the land holds onto the grief, the despair, the tragedy, the pain, the depravity, the hopelessness and the fear of its earlier generations of inhabitants, from its native people to the Pilgrims…"

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We all know or should know by now that the Pilgrims failed to reach their intended port-of-call along the Hudson River, ending up off the coast of Cape Cod where they spent an agonizing winter aboard the Mayflower. Disease and starvation were the hallmarks of that first year, with suffering beyond measure and death an ever-present reality. Much has been written about the Pilgrims and their interactions with the native people, whose populations had already been decimated by earlier English travelers and whose bones laid upon the open ground. Accounts written at that time noted the gruesome reality.

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Yet enough immigrants survived, thrived even, with the aid of the indigenous peoples and the grit of one whose mantra could easily be "Never say die."

Today, Lee said, Plymouth is a vibrant, big town, the largest town in the Commonwealth with approximately 134 square miles, which equates to 92,000 acres. But in those early years, when the Pilgrims fought a battle against illness and the environment, all they longed for was a warm hut and a mouthful of food.

Lee believes that the very ground we tread can hold onto dramatic events experienced with equally dramatic emotions. To illustrate that point, she told the story of the Spear family.

"People have reported seeing a Victorian couple walking up and down Burial Hill, but they disappear at a specific grave," Lee began. She said the grave the couple stops at is marked as belonging to a child named Ida Lizzie Spear, whose parents were Thomas and Elizabeth Spear. "People who have seen the couple believe it is the parents of the child," she said, explaining that the parents are eternally trapped at the moment of their most horrific, grief-stricken moment, forever going back and forth to their little child's grave.

As tear-jerking as that account is, others are, well, a bit more playful.

Lee met with homeowners who told her they believe their home is haunted by a child, most likely a little girl. And while an apparition had not been seen, items in their home inexplicably were moved around. At first, it was merely a box of paperclips put in an unlikely location, or things would go missing. But after a bit of interior remodeling, which included the removal of a wall, unexplainable goings-on got a bit more aggressive.

Inside the wall, they found children's shoes that were dated to the 1800s. Lee said some superstitions and traditions arrived with immigrants from Western Europe, including placing old shoes inside a building to ward off evil spirits. The spirits were apparently trapped in the toes of the old shoes. Lee shared that shoes have represented fertility and good luck for centuries; consider the old shoes tied to the back of newlyweds' cars.

When the family did not move the shoes to another hidden location but instead removed them altogether, that's when the real fun— well, hauntings began. Banging doors, dirt or dying flowers on the coffee table and long black hairs were found that did not belong to a family member. The residents installed a camera to try and catch an image of what they now thought was not a friendly ghost but a poltergeist. After two weeks of

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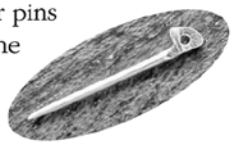

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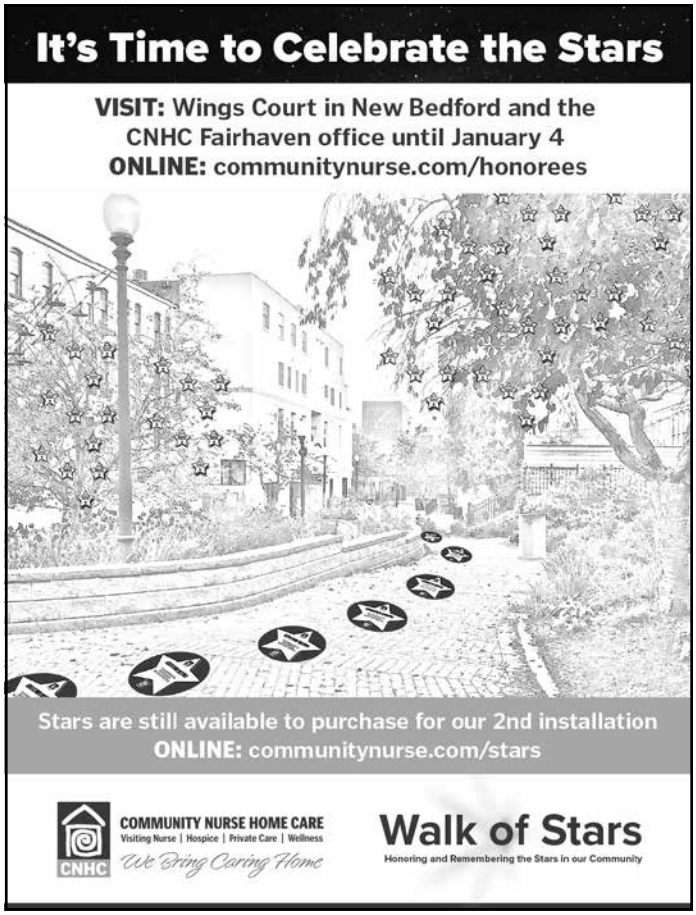

surveillance, nothing was found. When the camera was removed, things started happening again. Lee said an EMF meter, a device that measures electrical fields and is commonly used by ghost hunters, spiked red when the residents talked about what was happening.

"How do we know ghosts are real?" Lee questioned aloud, saying, "We don't know, but maybe people believe, hope there is an afterlife."

Lee said that 90 percent of all paranormal activity could be rationally explained. Still, the other 10 percent could be energy from those who have shed this mortal coil but refuse to leave altogether.

"They are stuck, so they are making themselves known," she said.

When asked if she had ever experienced such happenings herself, Lee said that when she was living in a small cottage near Boston, there came out of the blue a tapping sound— eight uniform taps in a row over and over again. The landlord sent in plumbers and the handyman to try and find the origin of the noise. Nothing was ever found and, as quickly as it began, the tapping stopped.

As for Lee, she continues to enjoy all that is mysterious, but thought that, perhaps, her next book might be something historical yet rooted in visual documentation.

"A book of historical pictures from the region, to help people see the way things were versus how they are today," she suggested.

Ghosts of Plymouth, Massachusetts, can be found on the SAILS library network and in bookstores.

Murder Suspect to Undergo Psychiatric Evaluation

By Mick Colageo

A shooting on November 27 in New Bedford that took the life of one man and critically injured another led to a gun battle with New Bedford Police that ended in the arrest and arraignment of a Mattapoisett man.

Jon Zell, 18, was arraigned on murder and related weapons charges on Monday morning in New Bedford District Court. Charges included murder, carrying an illegal gun, carrying a loaded illegal gun, firing a gun within 500 feet of a building, and 10 counts of armed assault with intent to murder.

Zell pled not guilty to all charges, and was granted a psychological examination to determine his mental competency to stand trial. He is being held without bail.

Zell is accused of killing one man and injuring another at 10:21 am on November 27 in the area of Lafrance Court near County Street, just two blocks south of I-195.

After apprehending the suspect on Friday, New Bedford Police reported the arrest on the department's official Facebook page. A police investigation turned

up a description of a shooter, and New Bedford Police spotted Zell at approximately 11:05 am near the corner of Penniman and Reynolds Streets.

"While attempting to take a male suspect into custody, the suspect fired on police," police said. "No officers were harmed, and a suspect is in custody."

Multiple reports stated that Zell was apprehended after his handgun had run out of ammunition.

Angel Cruz, 40, was transported to nearby St. Luke's Hospital, where he died. The other victim, an unidentified 32-year-old man, managed to escape in a vehicle but then crashed in the area of Linden and County Streets while attempting to drive himself to receive medical attention. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital and then to Rhode Island Hospital.

An investigation as to whether the assailant knew his victims is ongoing.

Selectmen Approve Grant Spending for Culvert Repair

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

During the November 24 meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen, a brief but important session before closing Town Hall for the Thanksgiving holiday, selectmen approved an appropriation of $24,973 from the Capital Stabilization Fund, the required sum that the town is required to contribute in order to receive $100,000 from the state's Coast Zone Management agency.

As discussed during the November 17 meeting held with members of the Finance and Capital Planning Committees, the selectmen heard from Highway Surveyor Barry Denham on the critical need to repair a culvert along Mattapoisett Neck Road.

Denham explained that CZM grants are awarded for the purpose of aiding cities and towns with projects that can be directly attributed to climate change impacts such as rising water levels. Denham said that the culvert in question is failing. Without repairs, it would impede residents from freely accessing their homes. He also said that adequate tidal flushing of associated salt marshes in the area would benefit from the repairs.

Despite an agreement on critical need, the selectmen had asked Denham and Town Administrator Mike Lorenco to investigate whether the state agency was willing to give the town an extension to allow the matter to go before Town Meeting in the spring. Lorenco, on November 24, returned with the answer: An extension to a CZM grant would not be forthcoming; furthermore, asking for one might put the grant in jeopardy of being withdrawn by the state agency. Armed with this update, the selectmen voted to approve the matching sum.

The selectmen also met with Kathy Costello, administrator of assessing, and Ray Andrews, chairman of the Board of Assessors, for a tax-classification hearing. Costello reported that property values had jumped a

whopping 9.1 percent in 2020 and that the trend doesn't seem to be slowing down as the calendar year winds down. "Trending forward to 2021, it looks very robust," she said.

On the matter of a single- versus a split-tax classification, Costello said, given that 94 percent of the town's revenue came from the residential sector, the small commercial base primarily made up of "moms and pops" would be seriously and negatively affected by a higher tax rate than the residential rate. She further stated that, even if the commercial properties were taxed at a higher rate, homeowners would not receive much of a benefit given their small number. A single tax rate was approved.

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commented that it was possible the tax rate would go down from $13.49 to $12.96. Lorenco said the rate could not be voted on at this time, pending approval from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

Staying on the theme of money, Lorenco said that the installation of LED lights at Town Hall is complete. The overall savings for all municipal buildings was estimated to be as much as $100,000 per year.

Earlier in the proceedings, the selectmen appointed Diane Tsitsos as a Democratic member of the Board of Registrars. Members of this municipal board are responsible for such matters as maintaining accurate lists of registered voters in the town, conducting elections, voter registration, processing absentee voter applications, tallying election results, and conducting election recounts. The state requires that the board fairly reflect the two leading political parties.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, at 6:30 pm.

Billing Disagreement Not Expected to Stall Construction

Mattapoisett Fire Station Building Committee

By Mick Colageo

The sight of drawings illustrating color options was welcomed by the Mattapoisett Fire Station Building Committee during its November 24 meeting at the Mattapoisett Public Library. Unwelcome was a $127,000 excavation bill based on change orders from general contractor Rubicon.

Estimating extra excavation of 327 cubic yards on the site where work was expected to resume on Monday after the Thanksgiving weekend, town-contracted project manager Bryan Fors of Vertex said that, based upon the export-import of material, "The extra compensation for that is just under $21,000 ($20,651)."

Fors told the committee that the matter had dragged on for over a month after the work in question had been completed. Saying he and architect Chris Logan of Boston-based Context were "still in limbo," they decided two weeks before the November 24 meeting to

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conduct their own analysis. Elevation of the driveway accounted for $8,000 in added material, but he said there was no geotechnical work taking place in the area.

"I think this is a little unprecedented," said Fors, noting that red flags and timeouts would have been appropriate.

Logan told the committee there was no notification of over excavating and that Mattapoisett's effort had been "very consistent" with its samples and test pits.

"They obviously dug deep in that area," Logan said. "The issue I have is [the work] wasn't directed to go that route."

The ensuing discussion involved Fors, Logan, Fire Station Building Committee members including Chair Mike Hickey, Fire Chief Andrew Murray, volunteer Bill Cantor, and Selectman Jordan Collyer (also a Fire Department captain). Andy Bobola, Mattapoisett's director of Inspectional Services, Mattapoisett Police Captain Jason King, and former Town Administrator Mike Gagne were also present. Town Administrator Mike Lorenco attended via conference call.

Hickey told the committee that he had met with Rubicon to go over the change order numbers the general contractor had listed and that the design team's rejection of that invoice was based on process, review, and counterproposal.

"I did not want Bryan or Chris submitting anything to Rubicon with [a figure] on it. Then they'd have to withdraw that amount of money because the committee didn't have the opportunity to review," said Hickey. Thus, the discussion at the committee table, "So everybody knows what's going on," and members could "ask Chris or Bryan about this before we move forward."

Hickey would add that, despite not knowing how Rubicon would respond, it was important that the committee take a position and move the project forward.

"We're based on numbers and facts," Collyer told Fors. "As long as we can stand behind your numbers ... they're going to have to come up with better data and show us where that material is."

Fors explained to the committee that the unit prices submitted by Rubicon encompass material, labor, etc. "That unit price also will include all overhead and profit," he said. "In our original change order from the general contractor, they add their fees on top of that."

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Lorenco articulated concern about the town's relationship with Fairhaven Excavating, as it may affect future projects.

While the subcontractor's work is the bone of contention, the town's business is with the general contractor. Such disputes are not uncommon in large, multi-million-dollar projects. Still, the committee is

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beholden to the town's taxpayers and voted to authorize Vertex to respond to Rubicon-- after reviewing the data, Vertex believes a valid change order for over-excavation amounts to $20,651 (not the $127,000 billed).

Progress at the site visible from Route 6 just east of North Street is obvious. The frame of the structure forms an outline of the building that, when completed, will be a tasteful, $10 million facility capable of addressing Mattapoisett's needs for many years to come.

Hickey told the committee that all paving would wait until spring 2021.

Transitioning to the budget review also on the meeting agenda, Hickey considered the budget "realistic" and said, "We're not in bad shape.

"We have to be conscious, though," he added. "If we were to be liable for a large over-excavation change order, we can adjust [the budget] down once we know where we stand. We're overall running true to our number. I have what we need to operate our station and contingency."

Hickey said the town should be ordering a gear washer and lockers to secure a price point now and avoid any potential cost increases. Murray and Collyer discussed other essential equipment, including a cascade (gas) filling system.

The road signal system, which "all-in" will cost $450,000 including design, construction, administration, and details, will consist of three signals for traffic heading east on Route 6, west on Route 6, and perpendicular at Bay Club Drive facing the fire station. The signal will turn green when traffic on County Road turns red. The signals will be triggered from within the Police and Fire stations and from their vehicles.

Although the signal system was not awarded a MassWorks grant that the committee had sought, Gagne indicated that fire apparatus was included in an article within the town budget that also addresses improvement to Industrial Drive and work on the Acushnet River Bridge.

In the next couple of weeks, the committee expects to see a mock-up on-site with various shingle colors for the roof and the siding. Choices were made on November 24 for the overall scheme, including overhead doors.

Logan displayed drawings with five basic options, all with a granite base and off-white or white trim.

Murray found agreement in his preference for white overhead doors facing Route 6, red doors in the rear, a charcoal-colored roof (Atlantic blue was the other option), darker gable ends on the siding, and white trim.

The mock-up is expected to be finished for the December 14 week. The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Fire Station Building Committee is scheduled for December 22 at 11:00 am at the Mattapoisett Library.

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Cushman Road Solar Project Still Faces Hurdles

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Matthew Donato

Eric Las of Beals and Thomas, Inc. came before the Rochester Conservation Commission during its December 1 meeting to discuss an ambitious new solar project off of Cushman Road. The project in question would result in a 3.9-megawatt solar array and has drawn a considerable amount of criticism from abutters and community members.

Work for the project began in November of 2019 when the applicant, Cushman Road Solar, LLC, started work to delineate wetlands lines on the site. According to Las, the delineation was a necessary step to determine

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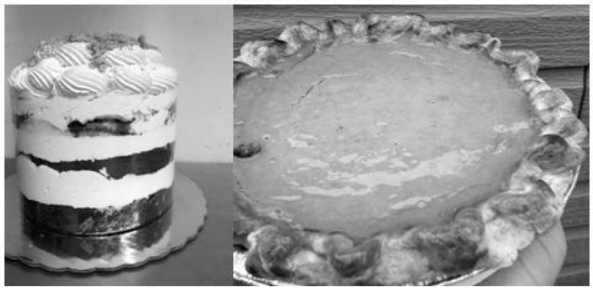

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the limitations to the proposed shape and size of the solar array. Las also worked to define the perimeter of the site based on the respective buffer zones.

At this meeting, Las presented the third revision of the project plans to the Conservation Commission. The multiple iterations of plan sets came as a result of complications surrounding components on the site, including the required access road and stormwater management systems.

More recently, Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon enlisted peer consultants from the Horsley Witten Group to review some of the finer details related to stormwater management and erosion control on the solar array. According to Horsley Witten Group's comment letter, many of the concerns brought forth by commission members have already been addressed by Las and his team. Only minor clarifications relating to the type of erosion-control systems on the site are still required.

Unfortunately for Las and the project, there has been serious pushback from community members surrounding the project. Much of the contention on the site is regarding the proposed access road. As the site is set deep into the forest, an access road must be constructed that will cut deep into the woods and border the abutting properties.

The access road itself also travels over existing sewer and septic lines, meaning that there will be a significant risk of damaging those lines in the construction process. Las explained that a concrete shielding would be used to protect septic lines and prevent any damage. That said, Farinon noted that, as more measures are taken to protect the existing lines, there will be an increased impact on the surrounding environment.

Multiple abutters joined the meeting to voice their concerns about the project. David Davignon, an engineer representing the abutting Koczera family, explained that there had been concerns since the proposal's inception. Initially, the proposed roadway to reach the site would have cut directly into the Koczeras' front yard and has only recently been changed. Also, Davignon explained that how the wetlands near the site have been delineated is now being disputed.

Another abutter, Lisa Mann, explained that she had

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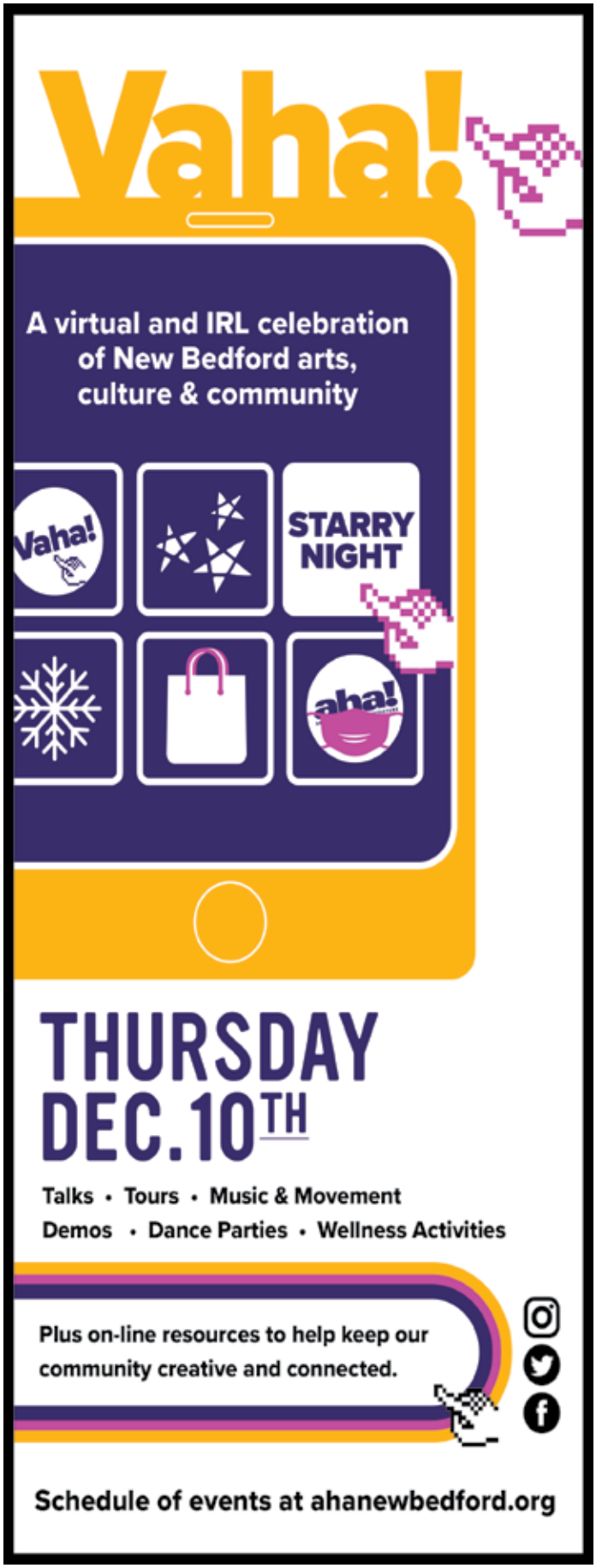

gone forward with a legal challenge to the right of access that is required for the access road to be constructed. If that challenge succeeds, the project would either fail to go forward or would need to consider drastic changes to its design.

Ultimately, Conservation Commission Chairman Michael Conway explained that the commission could only discuss developments under its jurisdiction, namely the impact on the surrounding wetlands. Even if Las is capable of attaining ConCom's approval for the project, it is clear that he still faces numerous challenges before actual construction can take place.

After a motion was made and seconded, the commission continued Las's hearing to January 19, allowing him to address the comments provided by Horsley Witten Group.

Before concluding its business, the commission issued a negative determination of applicability for a project represented by Sarah Stearns. Stearns came before the commission representing Decas Cranberry in an application to build a canal solar canopy test site on a bog located on Neck Road.

The proposed test canopy project would allow the landowner to see the size and impact it would have on Decas's manufacturing procedures. If the test canopy is favorable to the manufacturer, a formal Notice of Intent would then be presented to the commission to move forward with the construction of a complete canal solar canopy.

Stearns has worked closely with the commission on similar solar projects in the Town of Rochester, and the commission issued a negative determination of applicability based on the limited impact to the site.

The next Rochester Conservation Commission meeting will be held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00 pm.

Front Street Property Gets Demo Order Extension

Marion Board of Health

By Mick Colageo

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Thelma "Cissy" Vanstone, 80, has died, November 2, 2020, in Boca Raton, FL from complications of Covid 19 which she contracted while in rehabilitation following surgery to repair a broken left hip. She was born and raised in Marion, MA, and graduated from Fisher Junior College in Boston, MA where she spent several years, followed by 30 years in Mattapoisett, Ma, 18 years in Fort Lauderdale, FL, and the remainder in Port St. Lucie, FL.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Bob, two daughters, Gail Vanstone of Fort Lauderdale, FL, and Marianne Vanstone of Delray Beach, FL, two grand children, Samuel Rourke of Fort Lauderdale and Abigail Cline of Chicago, IL, a sister, Betsy Dunn of Marion, MA and a sister and brother-in-law, Eleanor and Robert Mower of Rochester, MA plus numerous nephews and nieces. She also leaves a large number of friends, including many at the airport in Fort Pierce, all of whom she considered part of her family and would want acknowledged.

While having several secretarial, executive assistant and estate management jobs, her passion in life was her private flying career. Starting at age 50 she became an instrument rated pilot, successively owning three airplanes and specializing in cross country flying until retiring in 2018.

Following her express wishes there will be no formal services but a "really great" cocktail party will be held in her memory as soon as social gatherings become safe and generally acceptable.

For those wanting to honor her life in a material way, contributions to favorite charities are suggested. She would prefer animal rescue operations, her current favorite being Jim Keefer's All God's Creatures, 2760 Blair Street, Montoursville, PA 17754, where her last airplane is now being used to ferry dogs to locations where specialized medical treatments are available.

Arrangements are being handled by the Millennium Cremation Service of Port St. Lucie.

Cecilia (Almeida) Leshyk, 97, of Mattapoisett passed away on Monday, November 23, 2020 at home surrounded by her loving family. She was the cherished wife and partner of the late Nicholas Leshyk.

Born in New Bedford, the daughter of the late Charles and Delphina (Fernandes Costa) Almeida, she lived in Fairhaven before moving to Port Saint Lucie to retire with her husband. She later returned to Massachusetts and made Acushnet her home to be close to her children and young grandchildren. She moved to Mattapoisett several years ago.

She was a devout Catholic and a beautiful reflection of God's love.

Mrs. Leshyk had a remarkable career in the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU.) She began her long working career at sixteen in the ILGWU as a Shop Steward, discussing the grievances of the union members with the ILG business agents. She went on to become a business agent herself, negotiating contracts between employer and employee. She was both highly respected by the union members for her dedication in putting and keeping their best interests first but also by employees because of her fairness. Her hard work continued her working career forward. She became Assistant Manager of the Fall River Local. She was the first woman to achieve the position of Manager of the New Bedford Local. She also became Vice President to the New England Labor Council.

She was consistently active in political campaigns, union activities and community affairs. She was an elected Delegate to the Democratic National Convention endorsing various political candidates.

It goes without saying that Mrs. Leshyk was a strong, successful business-woman. However, in her eyes, her career came second only to one thing - her family. Mrs. Leshyk was a strong and respected mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother and friend to many. If you ever met her, you knew her home was a second home and yes, your cousin and your friends are always invited. You knew there would always be extra food in the fridge but that her rice would be gone if you showed up late. If you were related to her, it's likely her handmade window fixings or doll clothes are somewhere in your home. Holidays were elegant events she managed with ease. She was an animal lover and had many grand-puppies who filled her life with joy. She could get any stain out of any fabric. She was adamant you wear a jacket and socks no matter the weather. She faced adversity and struggles with grace unlike any other. She was hilarious, insightful, warm, confident, empathetic and fierce.

She is survived by three children, Nancy Perron of Powder Springs, Georgia, Nicholas Leshyk and his wife, Janet, of Fairhaven, and Victoria Greco and her fiancé, Jeff Stickley, of Mattapoisett and her daughter-in-law Joanne Leshyk of California. She was the beloved "Baba" of eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and adopted family members. She was the mother of the late Wayne Leshyk and sister of the late Lawrence, Manuel, and Mary Almeida.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday November 28th at St. Joseph's Church, Fairhaven. Burial followed in St. John's Cemetery. Visiting hours were held on Friday November 27th at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett

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Front Street in the near future to take a first-hand look at the work being done on what has been a troublesome site.

The Board of Health voted during Tuesday's regularly scheduled meeting to grant a 30-day extension to the demolition order that the condemned property has been under. The five-bedroom, 1989 colonial has been on the market since March, but recent cleanup efforts and interior construction have been impactful, according to Flaherty.

In his Health Agent Update, Flaherty told the board that progress had been made with Chapter 2 issues at 464 Front Street, where construction is ongoing. "I made contact with the contractor, and there's been a great advance of condition, especially in the front yard, and I suspect inside with the renovation," he said.

Flaherty told the board that he had updated Marion Building Commissioner Scott Shippey, noting that the contractor was at the site on Tuesday and is expected to be onsite the rest of the week. Flaherty offered to take Hoffer there to see for himself, and Hoffer said he would get back to Flaherty later this week with potential site-visit dates.

Board member Dot Brown suggested the site visit include going inside and that there should be ongoing inspections with a specific plan going forward. Flaherty suspects that since the owner aims to sell the property, he is likely amenable to interior inspections. He added that the contractor would have no problem and that he had

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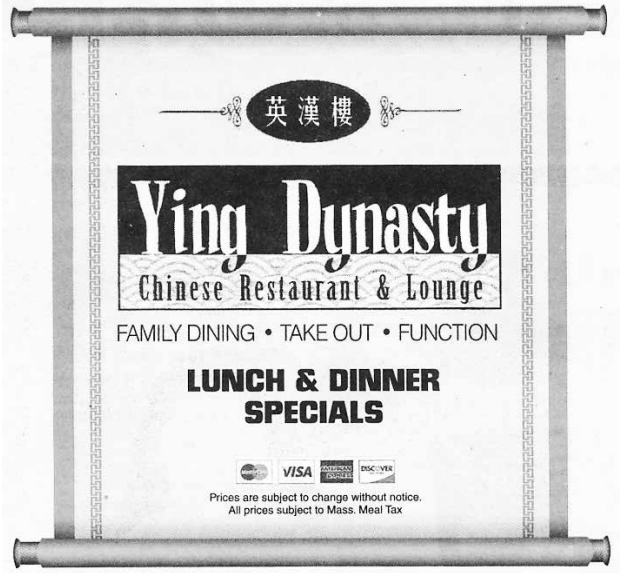

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Paul Francis Shea, 80, of Mattapoisett passed away at home Sunday, November 22, 2020. He was the beloved husband of Alanna "Ally" (Medeiros) Carreiro.

Born in Boston, son of the late John T. and Dorothy J. (O'Rourke) Shea, he was originally from O'Callaghan Way in South Boston at the Old Harbor Village and had lived in Mattapoisett for over 30 years. Even though he lived in Mattapoisett at the end of his life, you could not take the Boston out of him.

Paul was a graduate of Gate of Heaven High School in South Boston, class of 1958. He then served in the U.S. Army from 1958-1962. Upon his discharge from the Army, he was employed by New England Telephone Company. He was later employed as Assistant Chief Court Officer in the General Court of the Massachusetts State Senate, retiring in 2003 after 32 years of service.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, friends, and his beloved dog, Mikayla.

Survivors include his wife Alanna; his sister, Dorothy Davis and her husband, Peter of Quincy; his sister-in-law, Joanne Shea of Scituate; Alanna's children, Jessica Carreiro and Lee DeTerra; his ex-wife, Linda Brownell of Mattapoisett; and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

He was predeceased by his siblings, Thomas A. Shea, Richard J. Shea, Maureen A. Shea and John T. "Jack" Shea.

A Memorial Visitation will be held Saturday, December 12, 2020 from 11 AM - 2 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, donations in Paul's memory can be made to Community Nurse Home Care, P.O. Box 751, Fairhaven, MA 02719. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Bill Elfers died peacefully at home on November 28, 2020, after a long struggle with ALS. Bill lived an incredibly full and productive life and left the world a better place for having lived in it. His thoughtful approach to life's challenges, his incredible loyalty to family and friends, his ability to rally those around him to achieve great things, and his appreciation and devotion to the arts and education were but some of the characteristics that made him exceptional.

Bill was born at Richardson House in Boston on April 9, 1949, to Ann Rice Elfers and William Elfers. He had an idyllic childhood, first in a 4th-floor walk-up apartment on lower Beacon Street, and later, in Wellesley Hills, to which he would return to live with his wife Deborah and their daughters. Bill attended the Fessenden School '63, The Hotchkiss School '67, Princeton University '71 and The Harvard Business School '74.

While at Princeton, Bill was very active with the school's newspaper, the Daily Princetonian, and became the paper's business manager in 1970. His love of newspapers was to be rekindled years later, when he created Community Newspaper Company for Fidelity Capital. After graduating from Princeton, he attended Heidelberg University (Germany), as a Fulbright Scholar, during which time he famously showed up, unannounced, in the small town of Daverden, to look for his German relatives, and in doing so renewed a wonderful and lasting family connection that had been lost over many years. Bill was the type of person to follow through with great determination to realize an idea, whether it be traveling all the way to a small village in northern Germany, or doing deals all over Massachusetts to acquire village newspapers to form a successful media company. For those along for the ride, it could sometimes be exhausting, but it was always exhilarating.

In the summer of 1973, Bill worked at Fidelity Investments as a security analyst with Peter Lynch, and after graduating from Harvard, he worked in New York as an investment officer at Brown Brothers Harriman, advising European clients on U.S. equity investments. In 1979 Bill returned to Boston (and Fidelity) as a partner at Fidelity Ventures, where he remained until 1989. In 1989 he became a managing director of Fidelity Capital, where he founded several companies and made many successful venture deals. In 1990 he created and built Community Newspaper Company and served as its CEO until its sale in 2001. In 2002, he founded Tower Capital Partners, and served until 2020 as its managing partner, overseeing investments in private equity companies and hedge funds. He was President of the Elfers Foundation for many years.

Bill devoted long hours of time and energy to his community, committed to making the world a better place. He served as Trustee and a member of the Investment Committees of the Museum of Fine Arts and the Boston Symphony Orchestra, both of these for more than 20 years. In the 1980s, he co-founded, with friends, the Museum of Fine Arts Council, and helped introduce a new generation to support the institution. Their parties were legendary. Bill was also a Trustee and Vice Chair of the Newton-Wellesley Hospital, where he worked diligently to grow the hospital's charitable foundation, inspiring among many other wonderful things the creation of a cardiovascular center, named to honor his father. He served on the Investment Committee of the Hotchkiss School, and was the school's Treasurer for many years. While his daughters attended the Winsor School, he served as Trustee and Treasurer

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seen the living room. "It looked like a lot of renovations," said Flaherty.

Hoffer said permits are finally in place. "Of course, we'll need multiple inspections," he said, suggesting Flaherty tell the owner's lawyer that the Board of Health is willing to grant a short-term extension on the demolition order subject to continued good-faith efforts. "There was a demolition order from mid-December, but if there is a good-faith effort to remediate, we'd give a 30-60 days extension."

Brown thought it prudent to start with a 30-day extension subject to good-faith efforts, and that motion unanimously carried with votes from Brown, Hoffer, and Dr. John Howard.

The update on 33 Pitcher Street was not as favorable. Flaherty reported the return of a certified letter and unsuccessful efforts to reach the property owner. Even so, he considers the issues to be far less severe and "nothing to be nervous about."

Flaherty reported to the board that on two successful inspections, there were ongoing general complaints that masks are not being worn by people cycling and walking about town. He said retail outlets have had no problems complying with safety regulations. Flaherty also reported having taken CERT training online

OBITUARIES

of their school, and guided the institution through an ambitious capital campaign, which culminated in the building of a much needed academic and athletic complex. In recognition of his extraordinary contributions of time and talent, Bill was named Trustee Emeritus at the Hotchkiss School, the Fessenden School, the MFA, and the BSO. He served for many years as Trustee of his beloved college newspaper, the Daily Princetonian.

Family and friends were foremost in Bill's life, and in addition to being devoted to his family, he was a loyal, generous and loving friend to many. A dear friend summed it up this way in a last letter to Bill: "The great mark of success in my mind is not what we may or may not accomplish for ourselves in life, but how we will be remembered for what we did for others during our time on earth. You have been an outstanding success, Bill. Well done."

Bill leaves behind his wife, Deborah Bennett Elfers, his daughters Katherine Adams Elfers and Amelia Rice Elfers, his sister Jane Elfers Muther, his brother-in-law Herbert Muther, and several nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Joanne Elfers, and his parents, Ann Rice Elfers and William Elfers.

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Due to current restrictions, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Mass General Hospital Department of Neurology - Research under the direction of Dr. James Berry, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114 Attn: Krista McCabe. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:32 PM Let's Talk Business
3:00 PM Off the Shelf
3:30 PM Registers Report
4:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
5:09 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM This is America & The World
7:00 PM The World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Stop My Crisis
8:00 PM Sound Off
9:00 PM Science 360
10:00 PM Money Matters TV
10:30 PM Learning Music with Pat
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday December 4, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Health Source
8:30 AM Recovery Fitness
9:00 AM Generation Conversation
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Cape Conversation
11:32 AM The Art of Being Human
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
3:00 PM The World Fusion Show
3:30 PM In the Toy Box
4:00 PM Stop My Crisis
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
5:09 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM This is America & The World
7:00 PM A Conversation With...
7:30 PM Mr. Scammer
8:00 PM The Chundria Show
8:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
9:00 PM Gay USA
10:00 PM Sound Off
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday December 5, 2020
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons
9:00 AM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
9:45 AM Health Source
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:32 PM Let's Talk Business
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM The Chundria Show
4:00 PM Armchair QB
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
5:09 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Off the Shelf
7:00 PM The World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Money Matters TV
8:00 PM Reel Smaht
8:30 PM Mind Your Business
9:00 PM Gay USA
10:00 PM Registers Report
10:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday December 6, 2020
6:00 AM The Parable of Jesus
6:32 AM The Twelve Apostles
7:30 AM Health Source
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
8:30 AM The Art of Being Human
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Cape Conversation
11:30 AM Lucy's World of Painting
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM A Conversation With...
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
3:30 PM The World Fusion Show
4:00 PM In the Toy Box
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
5:09 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM This is America & The World
7:00 PM Books and the World
7:30 PM Off the Shelf
8:00 PM Mr. Scammer
8:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
9:00 PM Science 360
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Monday December 7, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Recovery Recreation TV
9:30 AM Health Talk
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM The Art of Being Human
11:30 AM Lucy's World of Painting
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:32 PM The Chundria Show
3:00 PM Cape Conversation
3:33 PM Learning Music with Pat
4:00 PM This is America & The World
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
5:12 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM A Cranberry Harvest
7:00 PM The World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Stop My Crisis
8:00 PM Off the Shelf
8:30 PM Racism in America
9:43 PM ORCTV Year in Review 2019-2020
10:00 PM Sound Off
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday December 8, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Health Talk
8:30 AM Recovery Fitness
9:00 AM Generation Conversation
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM The Art of Being Human
11:30 AM Both Sides of the Bar
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Grumpy Old Men Cooking
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
3:00 PM Money Matters TV
3:30 PM The World Fusion Show
4:00 PM In the Toy Box
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
5:13 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Marion's Archaeological Heritage
8:00 PM Books and the World
8:30 PM Science 360
9:30 PM Stop My Crisis
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday December 9, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Grumpy Old Men Cooking
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Mr. Scammer
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:32 PM Let's Talk Business
3:00 PM Money Matters TV
3:30 PM The World Fusion Show
4:00 PM The Chundria Show
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
5:13 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM A Cranberry Harvest
7:00 PM Registers Report
7:30 PM A Conversation With..
8:00 PM Science 360
9:00 PM Gay USA
10:00 PM Suicide Prevention in Massachusetts
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule

7:00 AM ORR Joint School Committee - November 19, 2020
9:14 AM Marion Board of Selectman - November 17, 2020
10:00 AM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission - November 12, 2020
10:34 AM Marion Conservation Commission - November 18, 2020
12:30 PM Marion Board of Selectman - November 3, 2020
1:39 PM Marion Planning Board - November 16, 2020
3:00 PM Marion Special Town Meeting - November 5, 2020
4:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee - November 19, 2020
6:44 PM Marion Board of Selectman - November 17, 2020
7:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission - November 12, 2020
8:04 PM Marion Conservation Commission - November 18, 2020
10:00 PM Marion Board of Selectman - November 3, 2020
11:09 PM Marion Planning Board - November 16, 2020

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectman - November 17, 2020
7:30 AM Rochester Special Town Meeting - November 16, 2020
8:00 AM ORR Joint School Committee - November 19, 2020
10:13 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - November 12, 2020
11:00 AM Rochester Planning Board - November 10, 2020
12:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - November 4, 2020
1:16 PM Rochester School Committee - November 5, 2020
3:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - November 17, 2020
3:30 PM Rochester Special Town Meeting - November 16, 2020
4:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee - November 19, 2020
6:13 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - November 12, 2020
7:00 PM Rochester Planning Board - November 10, 2020
8:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - November 4, 2020
9:16 PM Rochester School Committee - November 5, 2020
11:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - November 17, 2020
11:30 PM Rochester Special Town Meeting - November 16, 2020

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 97
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Tri-Town Beyond Community Read - November 17, 2020
9:07 AM Tri-Towns Against Racism - Little Free Library Reveal
9:21 AM Sippican Lands Trust - Brainard Marsh
9:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Presentation - A Furious Sky
10:30 AM Marion Natural History Museum - Marion's Archaeological Heritage
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Tri-Town Beyond Community Read - November 17, 2020
2:07 PM Tri-Towns Against Racism - Little Free Library Reveal
2:21 PM Sippican Lands Trust - Brainard Marsh
2:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Presentation - A Furious Sky
3:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Marion's Archaeological Heritage
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Charles "Pete" Smith
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MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 38

SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey

and said the program is slowly getting off the ground in Marion.

In her Health Nurse Report, Lori Desmarais summarized current COVID-19 conditions, reporting 112 cases since the beginning, including 38 active cases, seven of which are in the community. As for Old Rochester Regional School District, 10 people associated with the high school are in quarantine, and five associated with the junior high. Two at the high school are in isolation (confirmed positive cases), none at the junior high. At Sippican Elementary School, 10 are in quarantine, including one confirmed positive case in isolation and seven total positive cases at Sippican since the beginning of the pandemic.

Tabor Academy, reported Desmarais, is on hiatus since November 20; students are not due to return until January 5, pending an update on the number of cases at the school. Desmarais reported correspondence with Interim Headmaster Julie Salit, indicating Tabor's plan to test students upon return. Desmarais intends to revisit the matter in late December.

The updated information as of Tuesday, December 1, at Sippican Health Center (nursing home) is as follows: 130 confirmed cases of staff and residents, including 51 active combined cases; overall, 62 have recovered, and 142 have tested negative.

Desmarais said that the flu vaccine is still available, by appointment only.

TriTown Happenings

Mary Ryan took this picture early one morning last year. The wind had blown the snow into the shape of a star on the bandshell in Shipyard Park.

Nancy Prefontaine took this picture of the sky reflected in the creek at Crescent Beach.

Nothing says summer is over more than seeing the Harbormaster's boat hauled out of the water. Behind that vessel rests the Mattapoisett Fire Boat, also standing down for now. Both vessels are on trailers ready to deploy, if needed. Photo by Marilou Newell

Photo by Jen Shepley

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Hoffer discussed the budget, beginning with mapping software that he discussed with Town Planner Gil Hilario, who will talk to Assistant Town Administrator Judy Mooney regarding budgeting. "One way or another, we'll have access to the GIS software," said Hoffer.

Although the Flu Clinic conducted by Desmarais last month was heavily assisted by volunteers, Hoffer told the board that nursing support for a potential COVID-19 vaccine distribution would potentially require thousands of dollars in budgeting. He qualified his remarks by noting he has "no idea when a vaccine will be available.

"Clearly, nursing home staff will get priority over the general public. Where the elderly is to be determined," he said, citing a national-level source out of Washington that claimed the general public would be able to access a coronavirus vaccine by July at the latest.

Hoffer hopes an outreach effort to help the town's older population stay safely in their homes, including safety inspections and potential remediation, can be funded through grant programs. Even so, he does not envision such an effort being made until social-distancing rules are relaxed.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, at 4:00 pm.

Holiday Food Drive

The Wanderer is collecting nonperishables for those in need this holiday season. If you would like to

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Movie Review

Hungry Ghosts

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***Wander Darkly.* Starring Sienna Miller and Diego Luna. Directed by Tara Miele. Running time: 97 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Coming to streaming home video December 11.**

The drifting, emotionally allusive *Wander Darkly* is for sure the work of a woman (writer/director Tara Miele). It feels its way through a difficult, nonlinear narrative having to do with life after a car accident for young couple Adrienne (Sienna Miller) and Matteo (Diego Luna), whose relationship had gotten brittle with mistrust and miscommunication even before the event that wrenched them apart. But are they really apart? At one point, a hollow-feeling Adrienne is watching *Night of the Living Dead*; she notes that she now identifies with the zombies. A more germane black-and-white horror film in the public domain for Adrienne to watch might be *Carnival of Souls.* I'd better leave it at that.

Then again, anyone who watches *Wander Darkly* in a too-literal frame of mind is guaranteed to be disappointed. It's a tone poem about how time plays tricks on us after trauma — how the past floods in and seems as horribly vivid as the present, while the present drifts off on quiet ripples of dissociation or depression. Adrienne believes she is dead, a ghost cursed to hover around lives she once touched — Matteo, their baby. Once or twice, Tara Miele finds a spooky note in this, but mainly it seems intended as a metaphor for disordered consciousness (which can be spooky enough). Is there something supernatural going on? Maybe, maybe not; depends on one's personal set of associations. I wouldn't file it under horror or even fantasy — maybe phenomenological romance.

It's refreshing that neither Adrienne nor Matteo is perfect, nor is their bond. They have plenty of reasons to doubt themselves and each other, mostly having nothing to do with each other. Diego Luna is soulful and sharp — he's always struck me as what might happen if Edward Norton wandered into an Alfonso Cuarón film and couldn't get out. So it's hard to buy him as the Lothario the movie wants us, at times, to suspect him of being. As the internet might put it: get you a partner who looks at you the way Diego Luna looks at the one he loves. But it's really Adrienne's story, and Sienna Miller pulls us into her warring emotions as Adrienne rocks back and forth through her life, like Billy Pilgrim in *Slaughterhouse-Five.* The trope of reality being agonizing enough that we have to look at it sidewise, piecemeal, is durable enough to support many kinds of stories.

It's a very hard balancing act Miller has to do, but largely she pulls it off, without showboating or showstopping. Adrienne doesn't have any big moments; her pain spreads wide and hurts deep, like a bad bruise. She could be actually dead, which would be the least interesting take on the story. Or she could be rattled, relating to life as though she'd left it — in the early going, before we've grasped that this isn't going to be that kind of movie, we may predict that Adrienne *did* technically die but came back, and that her fractured tour of her life is what happens to the mind after a near-death experience. But no, all of that is simply too left-brain. Best to sit back, breathe, and say "She had a trauma, and this is how she processes it." Revelation will arrive eventually, as it must.

I try not to think in terms of gender essentialism, but *Wander Darkly* feels thoroughly female to me. I don't know that even the most sensitive male could devise the scene where Adrienne imagines her baby as a teenage girl crying as she reads her mother's bitter journals, or the one where Adrienne picks out which dress she wants to be buried in. And if he had thought of them, could he have written them so painfully, leaving room for the actress to add her own pain? Some art is straight-up Male or Female, and that's fine (and some isn't). The movie may stand alongside films like *Ghost* and *Truly, Madly, Deeply,* though those two were, alas, penned by males. Here is a movie that feels specifically tied to a woman's ruminations on grief and guilt. It moves past revelation to resolution, and becomes rather touching along the way.

donate, please feel free to stop by *The Wanderer* office during office hours. Our office is open Monday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, and Tuesdays 9:00 am to noon. We are located at 55 County Road in Mattapoisett. Donations will be accepted through Monday, **December 21**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Rochester House Decorating Contest

Let's shine some lights in Rochester on this Holiday Season. The Rochester Lions Club is having a holiday decorating contest. Put up your best lights and decorations display on your house and/or yard between now and **December 15**. Judging will take place on the evening of **December 15**. So bring the beautiful lights of the holiday season to Rochester, and you could win one of three prizes:

1st Prize: $100 for most original
2nd Prize: $75 for the most lights
3rd Prize: $50 for Simple and Stylish

All you need to do is be a Rochester resident, and send your name and address along with a $10 donation to: Rochester Lions Club, P.O. Box 36, Rochester, MA, 02770. Entries must be received no later than **December 10** to be eligible. Happy decorating!

History of the SWC Scholarship Program

In 1947, the Sippican Woman's Club President Alice Ryder and members of the club voted to award a Marion high school student of Wareham High School a $50 scholarship. At the time, Marion students went to Wareham High School. In the following years, the program expanded to give scholarships to Marion residents at Tabor Academy and Wareham High School.

The Sippican Woman's Club, founded in 1904, has a history of programs to benefit the town of Marion. However, the scholarship fund has taken center stage in the last 50 years or so. Countless students have received scholarships over the years, averaging 16 students and $14,000 a year.

In a review of recipients, we contacted two from 50 years ago – Cornelia Dougall, who graduated from Old Rochester Regional in 1971 and went on to be a clinical

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Tri-town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights Nov 22-Nov 28
- Bell Guzzle Ln – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Wianno Rd – Officer wanted
- Delano Rd – General offense
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Spring St – Suspicious activity
- Park St – Follow up/arrest
- Spring St - Transport
- Mill St – Suspicious MV
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Tucker Ln – Identity theft
- Park St – Paper service
- Point Rd – Identity theft
- Beach St – Identity theft
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Delano Rd – MV collision
- Delano Rd - Fraud
- Spring St – MV collision
- Mill St – Road hazard
- Front St – Noise complaint
- Mill St - Fraud
- Rezendes Ter – Vandalism/past
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- County Rd – Larceny/past
- Mill St – Found property
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Officer wanted

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights Nov 22-Nov 28
- Hillside Ave – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Melissa Anne Ln - Larceny/forgery
- Park St – Stop sign enforcement
- Melanie Ln - Notification
- North St – MV crash
- North St - Notification
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Medical
- Reservation Rd – Officer wanted
- County Rd - Harassment
- Prince Snow Cir – 911 call
- County Rd - Disturbance
- Park St – Health/welfare
- Cove St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Rd – Property found
- Park St – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Transport prisoner
- Water St – Health/welfare
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Riverside Dr – Larceny/forgery
- Nantucket Dr – 911 call
- Long Plain Rd – Suspicious MV
- Mechanic St – Follow up
- Randall Rd – Larceny/forgery
- County Rd – Follow up
- I195 West – MV crash
- Acushnet Rd – Suspicious persons
- Fairhaven Rd - Disturbance
- Long Plain Rd - Threats
- County Rd – Property lost

ROCHESTER
Log highlights Nov 22-Nov 28
- Featherbed Ln – Follow up
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marys Pond Rd – 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy - Medical
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd - Medical
- Dexter Ln – Transport/escort
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- Constitution Way – MV stop/arrest
- Snipatuit Rd - Medical
- Hartley Rd – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd – Road hazard
- North Ave – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Marion Rd - Medical
- Boxturtle Dr – 911 call
- Perrys Ln – 911 call
- Bennett Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd - Threats
- Braley Hill Rd – 911 call
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity
- Burgess Ave – MV collision
- William Way – Noise complaint
- Clapp Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Marys Pond Rd – MV collision
- Walnut Plain Rd – Panic alarm
- Cole Dr – Well being check

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, Dec 7: Honey mustard chicken, mashed potatoes, Italian blend vegetable, multigrain bread, peaches
Tuesday, Dec 8: Sloppy Joe, fluffy rice, California blend roll, apple
Wednesday, Dec 9: Roast pork w/ rosemary gravy, red bliss potatoes, brussel sprouts, oatmeal roll, pineapple
Thursday, Dec 10: Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, Malibu blend, whole wheat roll, brownie, diet: graham wafers
Friday, Dec 11: Turkey a la king, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, honey wheat bread, strawberry cup

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, Dec 7: Remote meals
Tuesday, Dec 8: Cohort A: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans OR Italian sub, assorted fruit, 1% milk
Wednesday, Dec 9: Cohort B: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans OR Italian sub, assorted fruit, 1% milk
Thursday, Dec 10: Cohort A: Cheese pizza, fresh veggie sticks OR Italian sub, snack pack pretzel, assorted fruit, 1% milk
Friday, Dec 11: Cohort B: Cheese pizza, fresh veggie sticks OR Italian sub, snack pack pretzel, assorted fruit, 1% milk

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, Dec 7: Remote meals
Tuesday, Dec 8: Cohort A: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans OR Italian sub, assorted fruit, 1% milk
Wednesday, Dec 9: Cohort B: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans OR Italian sub, assorted fruit, 1% milk
Thursday, Dec 10: Cohort A: Cheese pizza, fresh veggie sticks OR Italian sub, snack pack pretzel, assorted fruit, 1% milk
Friday, Dec 11: Cohort B: Cheese pizza, fresh veggie sticks OR Italian sub, snack pack pretzel, assorted fruit, 1% milk

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, Dec 7: Remote meals
Tuesday, Dec 8: Cohort A: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans OR Italian sub, assorted fruit, 1% milk
Wednesday, Dec 9: Cohort B: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans OR Italian sub, assorted fruit, 1% milk
Thursday, Dec 10: Cohort A: Cheese pizza, fresh veggie sticks OR Italian sub, snack pack pretzel, assorted fruit, 1% milk
Friday, Dec 11: Cohort B: Cheese pizza, fresh veggie sticks OR Italian sub, snack pack pretzel, assorted fruit, 1% milk

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, Dec 7: Remote meals
Tuesday, Dec 8: Cohort A: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans OR Italian sub, assorted fruit, 1% milk
Wednesday, Dec 9: Cohort B: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans OR Italian sub, assorted fruit, 1% milk
Thursday, Dec 10: Cohort A: Cheese pizza, fresh veggie sticks OR Italian sub, snack pack pretzel, assorted fruit, 1% milk
Friday, Dec 11: Cohort B: Cheese pizza, fresh veggie sticks OR Italian sub, snack pack pretzel, assorted fruit, 1% milk

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, Dec 7: Remote meals
Tuesday, Dec 8: Cohort A: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans OR Italian sub, assorted fruit, 1% milk
Wednesday, Dec 9: Cohort B: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain dinner roll, savory green beans OR Italian sub, assorted fruit, 1% milk
Thursday, Dec 10: Cohort A: Cheese pizza, fresh veggie sticks OR Italian sub, snack pack pretzel, assorted fruit, 1% milk
Friday, Dec 11: Cohort B: Cheese pizza, fresh veggie sticks OR Italian sub, snack pack pretzel, assorted fruit, 1% milk

OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, Dec 7: General Tso's chicken bowl & bread stick
Tuesday, Dec 8: Mozzarella sticks, fries, marinara sauce, baked beans & bread
Wednesday, Dec 9: Home-made chicken quesadilla, salsa, sour cream, & corn & bean salad
Thursday, Dec 10: Meatball sub, green beans & fries
Friday, Dec 11: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

psychologist with a practice here in Marion; and David Sullivan, who graduated in 1970 also from Old Rochester Regional High School. David writes:

"As an early recipient of Scholarship, this honor remains – to these 50 years later. My educational journey led from Massachusetts Maritime Academy, onto Brown University, and then Northeastern University. Once out of school, a fulfilling career in Boston Hotels awaited. I joined with another hotel GM and created a much-used Hotel Software Company, which allowed me to switch gears – rounding out my working years dedicated to nonprofit. Although the Holiday House Tour is cancelled this year due to COVID concerns; it has become even more important to support "Dollars for Scholars" so this gracious and loving program continues to grow. Our household will be making a pledge in honor of our great-grandmother Lewis, her daughter Mabel Jewett, and her daughter (our mother) Caroline Sullivan – who climbed those stairs into the Handy Tavern and bore good works for the Town of Marion. Thank you again, for both looking back and forward this and every day, dear Sippican Woman's Club."

Countless students have received scholarships over the 73 years. We are looking to continue this tradition this spring.

To make a tax-deductible donation, made payable to Sippican Woman's Club, and sent to "SWC Dollars for Scholars," P.O. Box 121, Marion, MA 02738, or you can donate on our website www.sippicanwomansclub.org/scholars/.

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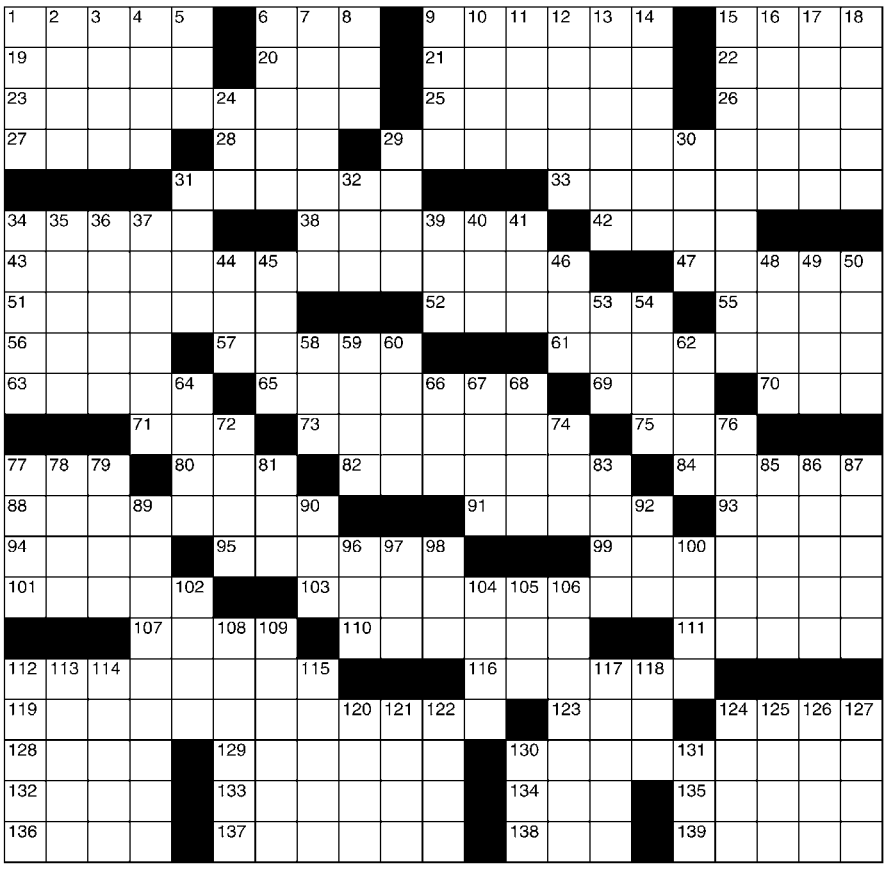
22 Baseball's Hershiser
23 * Subject to interpretation
25 * Old Greek squares
26 "Stretch" car
27 Steak, e.g.
28 Prefix with lethal
29 * Second U.S. first lady
31 At a distance
33 Tattles
34 * Churn
38 Give slack to
42 Son of Eliel Saarinen
43 * Dr. Evil's cat in Austin Powers films
47 1801-05 veep Burr
51 Beatles song on "Let It Be"
52 Observe
55 Song for one
56 Linguist Chomsky
57 Political plot
61 Knight's glove
63 "Serpico" actor M. — Walsh
65 * Jumping up and down on a bouncy stick
69 Comb buzzer
70 Native suffix
71 See 8-Down
73 * Pairs of consecutive letters
75 Spying setup
77 Likely (to)
80 Meadow
82 Birds building homes
84 Poster pins
88 Buzzing home pest
91 Large 1940s computer
93 "Huh?"
94 Female kin
95 Artist's base
99 * Suffer a lot
101 Dog variety
103 * She directed "The Hurt Locker"
107 — Sea (salt lake in Asia)
110 Coy
111 Revisions
112 * Too much self-esteem
116 Beloved of Tristan
119 * Bay off Nigeria and Togo's coast
123 — de plume
124 Brit's "Bye!"
128 Ye — Shoppe
129 Rendezvous
130 Really succeed (or what literally appears six times in this puzzle)
132 Old Greek concert halls
133 Shahs, e.g.
134 Shoot (for)
135 Sermon text
136 Philosopher Immanuel
137 Grand home
138 Hosp. staff
139 Sea vessels

DOWN

1 Union enemy
2 Arrived
3 "Eat — eaten" (survival adage)
4 9-to-5er's cry of relief
5 Dress (up)
6 Flatware item
7 Move as if on wheels
8 With 71-Across, boot camp affirmative
9 Run up — (defer payment)
10 Wise men
11 Air pollution
12 Reid and Lipinski
13 "Seinfeld" gal
14 Nielsen of "Mr. Magoo"
15 Ghana's former name
16 Dickens' — Heep
17 "— tell ya!"
18 Dental string
24 It uses 108 cards
29 In — (single-file)
30 Gillette razor brand
31 Toon bear
32 Canon camera
34 Compound with nitrogen
35 '83 Keaton-Garr film
36 Letter-shaped girder
37 Easy putts, informally
39 Weep loudly
40 Sooner than, in poetry
41 Ultimate degree
44 Health supplement store, familiarly
45 Jump
46 Pig
48 Part to play
49 Bullring cries
50 Observe
53 R&D center
54 Song for two
58 Singer Dylan
59 Opposed to, in dialect
60 Theater box
62 Orderly
64 Floor piece
66 Tax org.
67 Election analyst Silver
68 FBI guys
72 Umps' kin
74 — Lanka
76 Oklahoma tribe
77 "Moby-Dick" captain
78 Flow out
79 Fix a flat?
81 Height: Abbr.
83 Former Swedish car
85 Toddler, e.g.
86 Buzzing musical toy
87 Is in a huff
89 Source of warmth on some trains and ships
90 Belly laugh
92 Special FX technology
96 Poppa
97 Native suffix
98 Unit of resistance
100 Mean beast
102 "Doggone!"
104 Totally spoil
105 Century divs.
106 Dark modern film genre
108 Breakdown of social norms
109 Long-term inmates
112 Download on a Kindle
113 Radner of comedy
114 Nash of comedy
115 "My heart skipped —"
117 Weaving frames
118 Driver's lic. issuer
120 Sicilian volcano
121 Night, in Nice
122 — dixit (assertion with no proof)
124 Song for three
125 "Waterloo" quartet
126 Lean
127 Gets mature
130 Rove (about)
131 Flow out



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't feel sheepish about looking to spend more time with that special person during the upcoming holidays. Do it because it's the right thing to do.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Never mind letting misunderstandings repair themselves. Consider speaking up while the healing process can be shorter and sweeter and leave fewer scars.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Romance is easily awakened in the Geminian heart, especially around the happy holiday season. So go ahead and make those plans with that special someone.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Moon Children can glow with their own inner light as the holiday season magic takes hold. It's a very special time for Cancers and Libras together. Enjoy.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good time for you fabulous Felines to take pleasure in your special gift for, well, taking pleasure! Look for this holiday season to give you every reason to purr.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to let others who are in your life get a little closer to you. You'll both find out what you've been missing for far too long.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Open up your eyes and see some welcome surprises you've missed or overlooked for too long. What you find can lead to other favorable changes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) What you expect to be potentially troublesome might simply be especially challenging and well worth your efforts to check out. Good luck!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friendship might not seem as trustworthy as you'd like. OK. Ask your questions, get your answers and settle the matter once and for all.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A family situation moves into a new area because of (or, maybe, thanks to) some decisions you might have felt you could not avoid making.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You could be cutting it very close if you hope to make those holiday plan changes in time to avoid problems. Get a friend or family member to help.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Friends show how important you are to them. Keep these precious relationships thriving. They affect much that will happen to the fabulous Fish in the new year.

BORN THIS WEEK: Time spent at home alone nurtures your mystic self. Spending your time with others nurtures them.

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Marion Art Center Call for Entries: Winter Members' Show

The Marion Art Center announces its first exhibit of the 2021 season: The Annual Winter Members' Show. Any current MAC member is invited to enter up to two pieces for exhibition. All art must be original, of the artist's own design and creation, and prepared for installation. Show dates are **January 15 – February 24**. Drop-off dates for artwork are scheduled on Friday, **January 8**, and Saturday, **January 9**. Members must schedule an appointment for drop-off. Head to marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit to download the contract, submit your entries, and request an appointment through the new, easy-to-use online form. Alternatively, members can email info@marionartcenter.org with "Winter Members' Show" in the subject line.

January Classes at the MAC: Registration is now open at the Marion Art Center for 2021 watercolor courses for adults. Instructor Jay Ryan will teach two 8-week courses: Beginning-Continuing Watercolor, and Continuing-Advanced Watercolor Painting, starting on Thursday, **January 7** and Friday, **January 8**, respectively. Each class will run 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, and the Friday course has a new drop-in option for just $30 a day! Each full 8-week course is $195 for MAC members and $220 for non-members. Class size is limited to five students, and anyone inside the MAC must wear a mask. Drop-in availability is subject to change each week. A new session of virtual Botanical Drawing with Catherine Carter will be added within the coming weeks. To find out more or to register online, visit marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

January ArtTalk at the MAC: The next ArtTalk at the Virtual MAC has been scheduled on Thursday, **January 2**, from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm (via Zoom). ArtTalk at the MAC is an informal group discussion about art (no knowledge of art or art history required). The group meets monthly to review two artists, pre-selected by a host. Participants are invited to make their own refreshments to enjoy during the discussion. To register, email info@marionartcenter.org with "ArtTalk at the MAC" in the subject line. Include your name and phone number. The artworks and meeting link will be sent to

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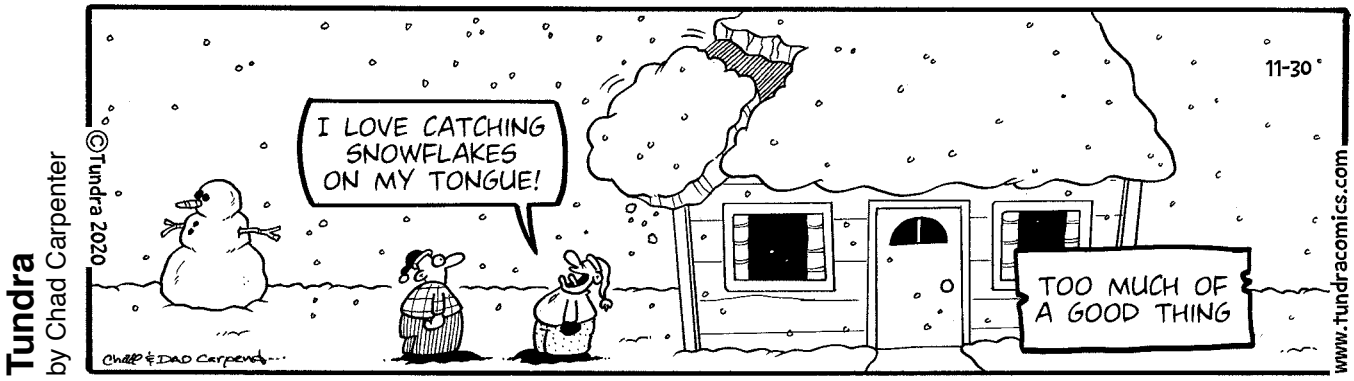
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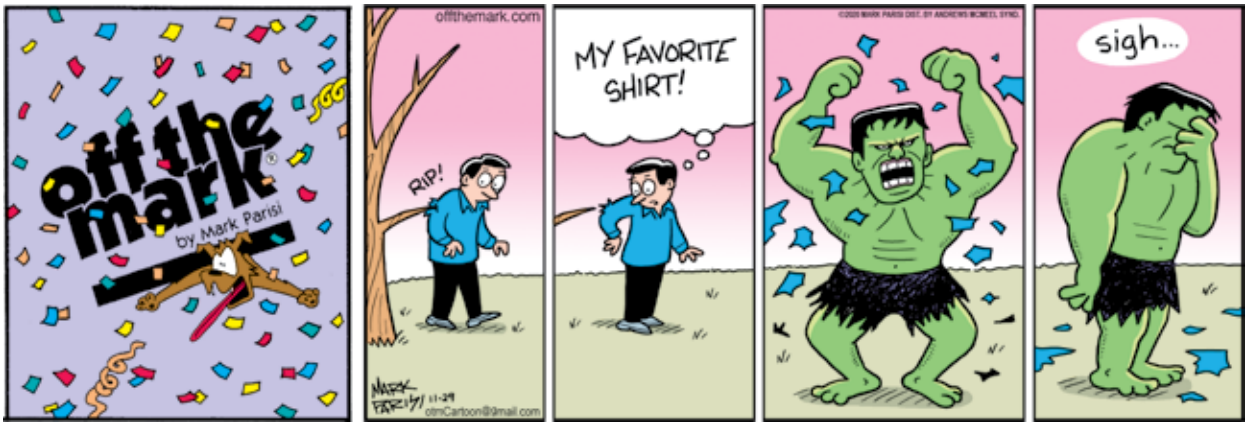
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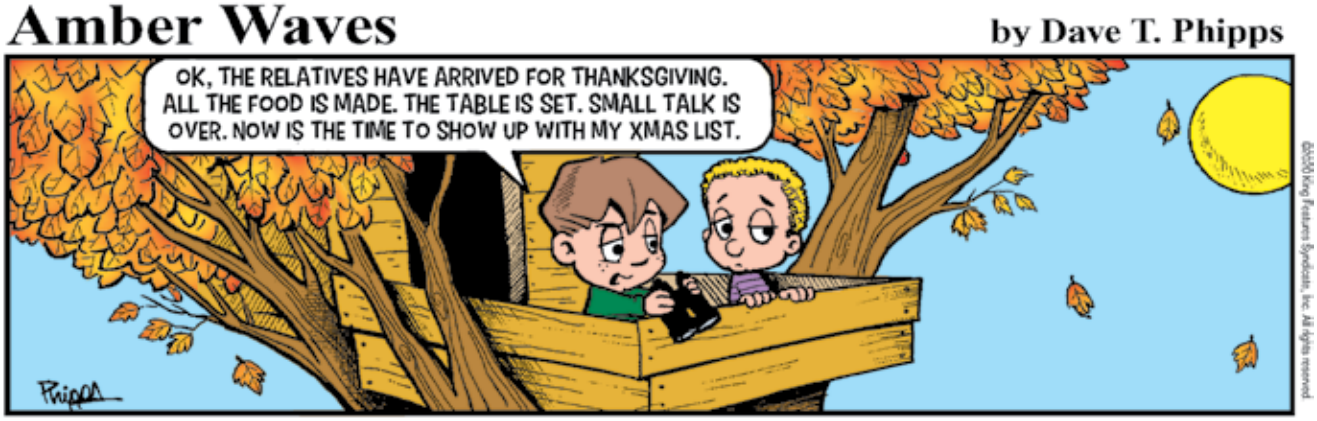
Amber Waves
by Dave T. Phipps
OK, THE RELATIVES HAVE ARRIVED FOR THANKSGIVING. ALL THE FOOD IS MADE. THE TABLE IS SET. SMALL TALK IS OVER. NOW IS THE TIME TO SHOW UP WITH MY XMAS LIST.

the email address provided a few days prior to the event. Find out more at marionartcenter.org/virtual-mac.

Semper Fidelis All American

The United States Marine Corps has named Senior **Rachael Fantoni** of Marion the 2020 Semper Fidelis All American. Rachael is one of 96 students recognized across the U.S. who have met an impressive list of requirements to be considered. These include having a 3.5 or higher GPA, are active in community service, play a competitive team sport, and hold a leadership role in their school or community.

The United States Marine Corps also recognizes the importance of building a support system to enable the success of the next generation, and they are proud to honor Jeff Lombard for the positive influence they had on Miss Fantoni. Mr. Lombard, a teacher at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, coaches Fantoni on the ORRHS Varsity Soccer Team, was chosen by Fantoni because of the profound impact that he has had in helping

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
TAX BILLS
PUBLIC NOTICE
FY 2021 Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Bills were mailed
November 25, 2020 due on December 30, 2020

If paying by personal online banking, allow sufficient time for the bank to generate a check and mail it to the Town. Please supply sufficient information on the check identifying which bill should be credited.

ONLINE BILL PAY: townofrochestermass.com. Click on Town of Rochester-online payment center. There is a lock box located at the bottom left side of the front stairs for your convenience.

Checks only, please.

CASH PAYMENTS are being discouraged at this time due to COVID-19, but if you must pay by cash you must call ahead and make an appointment with the Tax Collector at 508-763-3871 ext. 1.

If you have not received your tax bill in the mail, please contact the Collector's Office at 508-763-3871 ext. 1. If you have questions regarding property values and abatements, please contact the Assessor's office at 508-763-5250.

Due to COVID-19, the Town of Rochester Town Hall is closed to the public until further notice. I will be in the tax office daily at 11:00 am to process the daily mail and answer all emails and phone messages. If I do not answer the phone, leave a message and I'll get back to you as soon as possible. Thank You for your patience.

Beatrice Renauld 11/26, 12/3

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC NOTICE

On September 9, 2020 the Old Rochester Regional School Committee announced that they had received a request from the ORR Athletic Booster Club to approve the naming of the new "Press Box" at the Old Rochester Regional High School main athletic field in honor of Mr. Howard Stillman Bates.

Mr. Justin Shay, President of the ORR Athletic Booster Club wrote:

Dear Mr. Humphrey:

The ORR Athletic Booster Club respectfully requests that the Old Rochester Regional District School Committee approve our naming recommendation for the new Press Box at the Old Rochester main athletic field.

Specifically, the Athletic Booster Club requests that the Press Box be officially named the "HOWARD STILLMAN BATES MEMORIAL PRESS BOX" after long-time Mattapoisett resident Howard "Howie" Stillman Bates. The generosity of the Howard Stillman Bates Foundation has made this project a reality. In fact, without the multiple generous donations from the Foundation, the Athletic Boosters would not have been able to undertake the long overdue planning and rebuilding of the facility.

During his life, Howard Stillman Bates exhibited strength of character, honesty, integrity, decency, and morality. His unique work ethic commanded respect in all his endeavors. He was a Patriot, and someone who never shied away from standing up for "what was right". Upon his death in 2001, The Howard Stillman Bates Foundation was charged with the job of "doing good". He quietly shared his good fortune throughout his life. He was never seen without a smile.

While I never had the honor of meeting Howard Stillman Bates, my work with his Foundation has allowed me to "get to know him" and truly appreciate how one person can impact the lives of so many. Howie's true impact on the Town Mattapoisett, both during his life and since his death, can be found in the attached release from the Howard Stillman Bates Foundation.

With the approval of the School Committee, Howard Stillman Bates will be recognized with lettering along the front of the new structure and with a plaque displayed inside of the Press Box.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this worthy request.

Per school district policy, Mr. Cary Humphrey, Chairperson of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee, announced this publicly and the school committee had a discussion regarding this request. The School Committee will take an official vote on December 9, 2020 at 6:30 pm at their regularly scheduled meeting. For more information about this meeting please visit our website at www.oldrochester.org.

The Old Rochester Regional School Committee, the Old Rochester Regional School District, and the ORR Athletic Booster Club would like to thank the Howard Stillman Bates Foundation for their generous donations to the ORR Schools and the Tri-Town Community. Below is additional information on the Howard Stillman Bates Foundation.

If you have any feedback or concerns about this notice, please contact Mr. Cary Humphrey, Old Rochester Regional School Committee, Chairperson or Mr. Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956.

Howard Stillman Bates Foundation
9 Water Street
Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, 02739

Howard Stillman Bates (6-7-1911 – 6-20-2001) was a unique and giving individual who left everyone in his path smiling. He and his beloved wife, Edith, lived in Mattapoisett for years, and also spent time in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He was well known in both areas for his ever-present smile, charity, and good will. On his 90th Birthday, the Mayor of Fort Lauderdale proclaimed Howard Stillman Bates Day in honor of his charitable contributions to the City.

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Howie had a deep love for Mattapoisett. He served on Town committees and Boards including helping to enact the first set of the Mattapoisett Zoning By-Laws. At his death, he was the oldest surviving graduate of what is now University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. His degree was in Engineering. He was the Vice President of the Phi Psi National College Textile Fraternity. He was then employed as an engineer with the Department of the Navy until the end of World War II. He then entered the field of home construction and restoration.

Howard was an avid sailor, sports car enthusiast, world traveler, and gifted musician. He had an unending zest for life, thirst for knowledge, and rode his motor scooter until a month before his death!

Those fortunate to be able to call Howie friend, still smile remembering him, his goodness, his fun-loving way, his sense of humor, and his charity.

Howie Bates always remembered Mattapoisett when he was alive, and the Foundation has tried to make sure that any future gifts would not only make sense to Howie, but would make him proud, and fit into his simple direction of "doing good".

Some of Howie's gifts, through his Foundation, since his death include:

A $200,000 gift to facilitate the Marine Room at the Mattapoisett Library.

Substantial Monies to facilitate the movement of the Historic Maritime Mural from a private home at 20 Water Street, to the Mattapoisett Historical Museum.

Two Boats "Howie" and "Edith" were donated to the Mattapoisett Sailing program to help youngsters learn the sport of sailing that Howie so loved. His beloved boats and sports cars were donated also.

Substantial donations have been made to the Mattapoisett Bike Path Project, to help facilitate the bridge and, recently, safety lights and notifications at major intersections on the bike path. Howie was an avid motor bike rider up to his 90th birthday.

Multiple other donations include $214,000 to the Independence Fund to purchase 16 specially equipped wheelchairs for severely wounded servicemen, and $150,000 grant to Wounded Warriors.

Yearly educational scholarships for children in the New Bedford area who personify the ideals of honesty, integrity, decency, and hard work, have been facilitated through Nativity Prep.

"Howie's Harbor Fund" has been established with the help of the beloved principal, Rose Bowman, for the benefit of the elementary/middle school children in Mattapoisett.

A Donation through Selectman Ray Andrews helped in the repair of the Center School Clock.

A substantial donation was put forth to help with the construction of the replacement Press Box at Old Rochester Regional High School.

Numerous other gifts for Cancer research (his beloved wife, Edith Bates, died of cancer), Habitat for Humanity, etc. have been ongoing.

The Foundation's hope is that Howie's legacy of kindness, through his Foundation gifts, will continue to bring smiles, good will, and hope to others. 12/3

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For more information on the Semper Fidelis All American award, please visit their Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, or www.marines.com.

Marion Garden Group

The Annual Garden Group Holiday Boutique will be held **December 12** in a tent at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center.

From seasonally designed window boxes, urns, and planters around the village to wreathes, greens, garlands, topiaries, and ornaments, the Marion Garden Group works hard to beautify the village, town, and private homes of the local area in and around Marion.

With carefully planned workshops beginning early in September, when the weather allowed outdoor crafting, the Marion Garden Group was able to create dozens of new handcrafted items. Momentum is continuing to build and will culminate in in a marathon buzz of creativity we call "Greens Week" during which the prized Garden Group wreathes, arrangements, greens, centerpieces, garlands, and table-toppers will be created. Everything you need to beautify your house! Items make great gifts. Items start at low at $3 and the group now accepts credit cards.

Wreath orders for 2020: We are also accepting wreath orders (first come, first served). A copy of the order form can be downloaded from the Marion garden Group website www.mariongardengroup.org.

The Boutique is on Saturday, December 12, in a heated tent located at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill Street (the former VFW site).

We are providing extended hours to allow for safe shopping, opening at 9:00 am and remaining open until 1:00 pm.

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 7:20 pm Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Notice of Intent (File No. SE 041-xxxx) submitted by Carmine A. & Beth V. Martignetti, for shoreline site improvements which include removing a vertical stone/concrete seawall, expanding an existing coastal beach into an upland area and reconstructing a stone jetty at 71 Mooring Road.

The site is further identified as Lots 7A & 8 on Marion Assessors' Map 20. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Shaun P. Walsh – Chair
*Please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515 or dhemphill@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 12/3

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1155

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Plumb Corner, LLC for property located at 0 Rounseville Road, identified on Assessor's Map 30, Lot 24, 25B, & 25C, who is seeking permission to construct a sign (8' x 4' = 32 sq. ft.) advertising a new subdivision under Chapter 22.60, Section E.3. for The Village at Plumb Corner. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.
To join the Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620329093
Meeting ID: 846 2032 9093
One tap mobile: (646) 876-9923
David Arancio, Chairman 11/19, 12/3

TOWN OF MATTPOISETT
ROAD CLOSURE
PUBLIC NOTICE

Antassawamock Club, Inc will close its private roads to public traffic on Wednesday, December 16, 2020.
Signed: Board of Directors
Antassawamock Club, Inc.
Susan Chapman Moss, Secretary 12/3, 12/10

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Chapman Dickerson & Melanie Dixon, 6 River Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to install a new Title 5 septic system for existing house located within the riverfront area of the Mattapoisett River and to construct new in-ground pool located in the riverfront area. The project is located at 6 River Road, and is further identified as Lot 285 on Lot 285 on Assessor Map 17. 12/3

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (Via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Mattapoisett Land Trust, Inc., PO Box 31, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to construct a small parking lot and other improvements. The project is located at O.W. Holmes, Jr. Preserve, west of 5 Angelica Avenue, and is further identified as Lot 5.0 on Assessor Map 5.A.
**Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 12/3

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (Via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Douglas A. & Claire R. King, 115 Main Street, Suite 1D, North Easton, MA 02356. The proposed project is to expand the existing elevated deck, construct a crushed stone walk with cobble border and replace the existing shell driveway with crushed stone and cobble border. The project is located at 12 Union Avenue and is further identified as Lot 302 on Assessor Map 5.A.
**Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 12/3

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING

An Open Hearing of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm regarding a Notice of Intent filed by property owners David Sullivan & Cynthia Brackett, for property located at 129 Dexter Lane designated as Lot 16B on Rochester Assessors Map 6. This Open Hearing is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

The applicants propose to construct a dog kennel and various driveway & landscape improvements within the 100 Foot Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, including the removal of 3 trees within the 200 Foot Riverfront area.

The applicant's representative is Richard Charon, P.E., Charon Associates, Inc., 323 Neck Road, Rochester, MA 02770.

This meeting is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law.
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https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89702333901
Meeting ID: 897 0233 3901
Or Call: 1 646 876 9923
Michael Conway, Chairman 12/3

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1156

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Daniel & Carrie Costa for property located at 173 Pierce Street, identified on Assessor's Map 13, Lot 4A, who are seeking 3 Variances, (1) for lack of the frontage requirement, (2) lack of linear contiguous feet of frontage, (3) to request an increase in the proposed structure floor area to exceed thirty percent (30%) of the existing area, and a Special Permit under Chapter 20.40, Section F.9.a. (formerly Section VIII.D.9.a.), for the issuance of a Special Permit for the construction of an addition for conversion to a multi-family dwelling. The public meeting and hearing will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 beginning at 7:00 pm on Zoom.
To join the Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620329093
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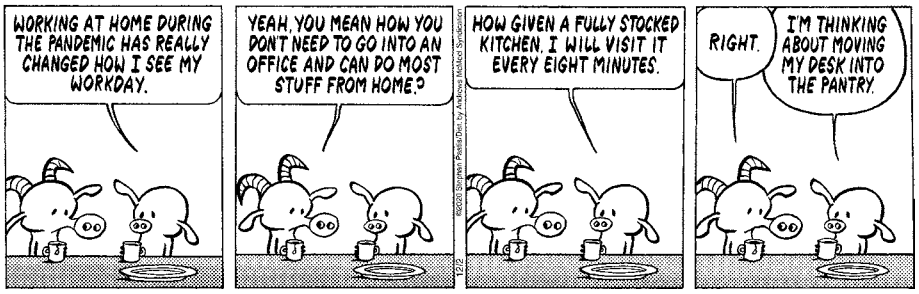

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SLT Outdoor Holiday Open House

Sippican Lands Trust (SLT) is hosting an Outdoor Holiday Open House at our Osprey Marsh, Peirson Woods, and White Eagle properties on Sunday, December 6, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Come celebrate the outdoors and these protected open spaces around Marion!

Visitors to the Peirson Woods property can enjoy a special holiday StoryWalk titled *Night Tree*, by Eve Bunting. *Night Tree* is a story about a young boy and his family who decorate a tree with popcorn, apples, oranges, and sunflower-seed balls as a gift to the animals of the forest. Visitors can participate in hanging your own-animal safe ornament at our Peirson Woods property and learn more about upcoming plans to improve our trails and properties for greater access to the outdoors. You can also take a walk around our White Eagle Cranberry Bog or visit the accessible boardwalk at our Osprey Marsh property as part of SLT's Outdoor Holiday Open House on Sunday.

Please dress appropriately for the day's weather, wear a face covering, and in the event of inclement weather, SLT's Holiday Open House will be Sunday, December 13, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. If the event is postponed to Sunday, December 13, the information will be posted to SLT's website and Facebook page. For directions to the properties or further information, visit sippicanlandstrust.org or call Sippican Lands Trust at 508-748-3080.

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December Story Walk: *The Joyful book* by Todd Parr. Enjoy a stroll around the library with our happy take on the holidays.

For more information about these programs, plus the link to register online, visit our events calendar at www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=MATTAP or on our website at www.mattapoisettlibrary.org.

Sippican Woman's Club

The Sippican Woman's Club has had a Holiday House Tour to benefit the Scholarship Fund since 1986. Chairing this first-time event in 1986, were Shirlee Thomas, Jeanne Collison, and Judy Harrison. This week's Christmas cookie recipe, which is the third, is from Judy Harrison. Judy was an active member and worked on many events that raised money for the Scholarship Fund. The picture is from 1986. Left to right: Shirlee Thomas, Jeanne Collison, Judy Harrison.

Judy Harrison's Bourbon Balls
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate bits
1/2 cup sugar
3 Tbsp light corn syrup
1/3 cup bourbon
2 ½ cups finely crushed vanilla wafers (12 oz. package)
1 cup chopped pecans

Melt chocolate bits over hot water; remove from hot water. Stir in sugar and corn syrup. Blend in bourbon. Mix nuts and wafer crumbs; add chocolate mixture and stir well. Roll small balls of above in granulated sugar; let ripen in covered container at least 3 to 5 days.

The Holiday House Tour cannot take place this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, members of the club are working to raise money so this coming spring we will be able to continue the 73-year tradition of awarding scholarships to Marion students.

To make a tax-deductible donation, send a check payable to Sippican Woman's Club to "SWC Dollars for Scholars," P.O. Box 121, Marion. MA, 02738, or you can donate on our website www.sippicanwomansclub.org/scholars/.

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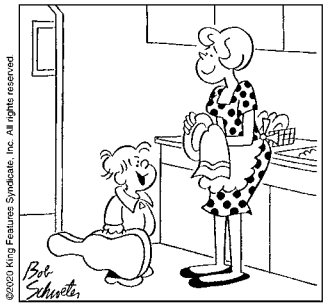

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Holiday Greens Sale" Pop-Up Event on Saturday, **December 5**, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Bowlmor Parking Lot, 22 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett. The Pop-Up Sale features a variety of decorated fresh wreaths, swags, and holiday centerpieces, as well as bunches of holly and evergreens created by club members. Limited edition notecards will also be available for purchase. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted.

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Registration is required and can be done on our calendar of events online or by emailing to mfpl@sailsinc.org. It will close on Thursday, **December 17**. Contact the library at 508-758-4171 or email mfpl@sailsinc.org if you have questions. The Mattapoisett Library Trust, Inc., founded in 2001, is a not-for-profit charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) dedicated to expanding the role of the Library in the community. The Trust underwrites new programs, enhances the collection, and enriches the Library environment in areas that are beyond the normal costs of the library.

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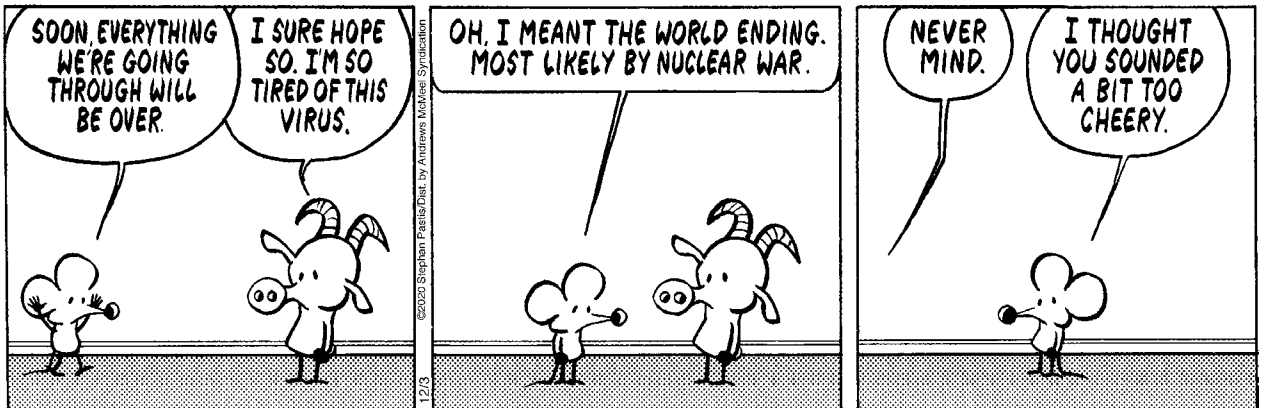

Tri-County Symphonic Goes Virtual for the Holidays

On Sunday, **December 13**, at 1:30 pm, the Tri-County Symphonic Band will present a "Family Virtual Christmas Concert" on ORCTV's Comcast channel 9 and Verizon channel 36 in Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester. The program will also be livestreamed on both the ORCTV and the Tri-County Symphonic Band Facebook pages. This free family concert has been held live and in person for years in the multipurpose auditorium of the Sippican School in Marion.

Fortunately, Music Director Philip Sanborn has found a way to bring the festivities to everyone! Christmas, after all, is a family-centered holiday in our country. Sanborn has designed a virtual program that places the family at the center of the holiday. In addition to archived recordings from the band, individuals from the band and their families have been invited to produce their own music videos that celebrate the holiday. In this spirit and as one of the varied offerings of this concert, the Barrett family of Marion has produced their own video of "Santa Lucia," the processional folksong that celebrates the mythical saint who brings light to cold and dark Sweden in the winter. "Santa Lucia" is celebrated each year on December 13 in Sweden and elsewhere in Scandinavia. The holiday includes girls dressed in white dresses with red sashes, and crowns of evergreens and candles on their heads. The father, Justin Barrett, was in charge of recording the video while the mother, Jessica Barrett (the librarian teacher at Sippican School), plays the clarinet, as she does in the Tri-County Symphonic Band. The children, Isaac, 9, a fourth-grader at Sippican, and Eliza, 4, a preschooler, will sing the words in Swedish!

The afternoon will be filled with many holiday favorites as the band and their family members present this delightful family virtual holiday concert. For more information on this concert and how to view and/or livestream the program, please visit www.tricountysymphonicband.org.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

As just about everyone knows, Rochester is horse country. A significant amount of the town's agricultural acreage is devoted to the care and feeding of horses. There are multiple horse farms in town providing everything from riding lessons, dressage training, biomechanics, showing teams, boarding, leasing, and selling of horses to birthday parties and equine laundry. One farm's horses serve as therapy animals. In addition to these businesses, many residents own a horse or two or three.

When you travel back to Rochester in the 1700s, the use of horses, and how their owners thought of them was radically different. In the early days, the primary mode of transportation was your own two feet. People regularly walked distances that would amaze us today. Abraham Holmes tells about a boat trip that his father took when convalescing from an illness. He traveled as far as the "jerseys" but left the boat and walked back to Rochester, as he

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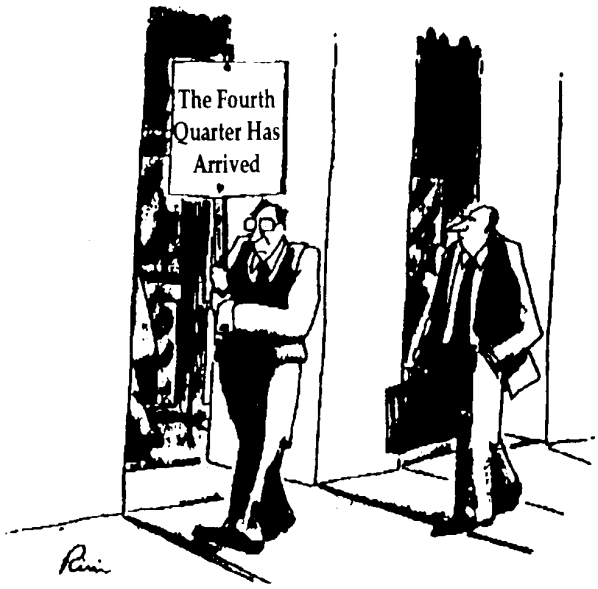

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SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey

was feeling better. One young man walked to New Bedford with the hope of signing on with a whaling ship. When told he was too young and too small, he walked home until he was older and stronger. If you were lucky enough to have a horse, you rode it or used it when working on your farm. The only other way to get from here to there was in an oxcart or horse cart, but there were no wagons of any kind in town.

Abraham Holmes recalls that the horses in town in the late 1700s and early 1800s were "generally poor creatures, owing in great measure to poor keeping. In the summer, they lived on grass. In the winter on hay only; excepting when they were going on a journey when in the previous day, they would have a mess of bran with it." He also writes that a horse was old and worn by nine years and that $40 would buy a high-priced horse.

Horse-drawn wagons were such a rarity that Holmes remembers the first to come through town caused "as much of a wonderment as a baboon would have done." Someone in the know deemed it a 'calash.' As the years passed, there were more and more horses and horse-drawn vehicles. The mail wagon was pulled by a horse, as was the milk wagon, the iceman's wagon, and others. Pretty much every family had a horse for farm work and some type of wagon to use as transportation. Even as people bought the early cars, they still used their horses and wagon (to save on gas) to attend social gatherings or visit on Sundays.

In the '30s and '40s, Rochester families boarded horses from Camp Cathedral, getting the free use of them from September to June. My mother told a story of being put on the mill horse and riding it to a blacksmith. He took her off; she visited with his family and then was put back on the horse to go home. My grandfather once had two ponies from Chincoteague Island when my mother was young. I always wanted him to get two more, but that didn't happen. The Hillers at East Over Farm had Clydesdales, and for years you would see them in parades or roaming the pastures. It's safe to say that Rochester's 21st-century horses are healthier, costlier, and used for pleasure, not plowing.

Real Estate Transactions

Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Howley Living Trust Howley, David A TR Howley, Kimberly M TR	Waterman LLC	1 Waterman St	Mattapoisett	11/12/2020	710,000.00
Ewing, Annette U	Short, Jeffrey William	7 North St 9 North St	Mattapoisett	11/13/2020	1,595,000.00
Castle, Jonathan G Castle, Jill L	Hunt, Jeff	604 Point Rd	Marion	11/13/2020	1,750,000.00
Dbt Investments LLC	Lopes, Faustino Jr	0 Walnut Plain Rd	Rochester	11/16/2020	125,000.00
Willis, Kevin J (trustee) Mcduck Realty Trust	Hoffmann, Christoph L	12 Hartley Ln	Marion	11/16/2020	1,550,000.00
Grenda, John	Teixeira, Cynthia D	907 Point Rd	Marion	11/16/2020	263,000.00
Teneyck, Roberta J Teneyck, John E	Margaret T Kmiec Trust Kmiec, Margaret T TR	Converse Rd Lot 125	Marion	11/17/2020	23,000.00
Nashold, Daniel R Nashold, Kimberlee L	Arsenault, Dennis A	Snow Fields Rd	Mattapoisett	11/17/2020	234,000.00
Hartley, Eric A Hartley, Marguerite L	Glavin, Kristen E TR Kristen, E Glavin TR2011	16 W River Rd	Marion	11/17/2020	585,000.00

off the mark by Mark Parisi

Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	December 3	9:25	10:00	2:40	3:34
Friday	December 4	10:11	10:49	3:20	4:10
Saturday	December 5	11:01	11:41	4:02	4:50
Sunday	December 6	11:55		4:51	5:41
Monday	December 7	12:36	12:51	5:51	6:44
Tuesday	December 8	1:31	1:49	7:07	7:53
Wednesday	December 9	2:29	2:50	8:34	8:56
Thursday	December 10	3:30	3:54	9:51	9:50
Friday	December 11	4:32	4:57	10:52	10:39
Saturday	December 12	5:30	5:54	11:46	11:27
Sunday	December 13	6:23	6:47		12:38
Monday	December 14	7:15	7:39	12:15	1:31
Tuesday	December 15	8:06	8:29	1:05	2:22
Wednesday	December 16	8:56	9:20	1:56	3:08
Thursday	December 17	9:47	10:12	2:45	3:50
Friday	December 18	10:39	11:06	3:33	4:30
Saturday	December 19	11:32		4:21	5:13
Sunday	December 20	12:01	12:24	5:13	6:01

Phases of the Moon		
	Last Quarter	December 8th
	New Moon	December 14th
	First Quarter	December 21st
	Full Moon	December 30th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on ***I Found the Aardvark*** - In the November 26, 2020 edition the Aardvark was missing, again! He is being severely disciplined - email support@wanderer.com for free points if you looked and could not find him!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Chasm 2. Special; 3. Unclear; 4. Snipe

Today's Word

ASPIRIN

Sudoku Answer

6	4	7	5	1	9	3	2	8
5	8	3	6	2	7	4	1	9
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3	1	2	8	7	6	9	4	5
8	5	9	3	4	2	7	6	1
1	2	4	7	9	5	6	8	3
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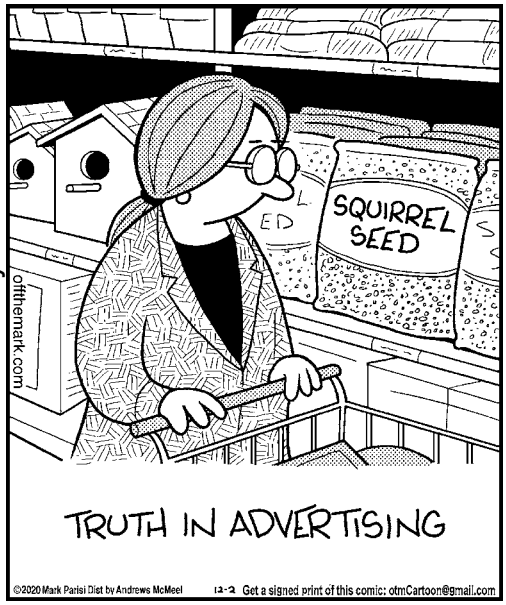

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